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## Central Bank raises interest rates 0.7%

Raising its key lending rates for the first time in 14 months, the Bank of Israel yesterday said it will lift the rate at which it lends to banks by 0.7 of a percentage point to 13.4 percent, effective

The increase was above expectations and is likely to prompt declining share prices tomorrow, said analysts, who expected the central bank to lift rates 0.3 per-

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, on an official visit to Tokyo, was upset over the decision, Channel 2 reported last

Chambers of Commerce presi-

dent Danny Gillerman called the bank's decision "a slap in the face to the government and a blatant expression of no-confidence in its economic policy." Frenkel should

resign, he asserted.

Manufacturers Association president Dan Propper said the rate hike would deepen the recession and increase unemployment, because it "shoves a stick into the spokes of the government's economic policy."

This dooms the government's plans for a 5 percent growth rate, he added.

Contractors Association president Uri Dori predicted the rate hike would harm investment in the construction industry by making it harder to obtain credit.

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# PM: Ross coming back

## Warns of Arafat's 'kiss of death'

By JAY BUSHINSKY and news agencies

TOKYO - Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat may have given the Middle East peace process "the kiss of death" when he embraced Hamas leader Abdul Aziz Rantisi, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu warned yesterday at the start of his working visit to Japan.

Netanyahu reiterated his commitment to the peace process, while at the same time asserting the PA has oot met its obligations under the Oslo Accords.

Netanyahu said US envoy Dennis Ross intends to return to the Middle East to follow up on Palestinian promises to improve security ties with Israel.

He [Ross] intends to return to check the extent of the fulfillment of Palestinian promises," Netanyahu said in remarks broadcast on Israel Radio.

State Department spokesman

Rubin responded by saying there are no immediate plans for Ross to return to the region. He also told reporters that Secretary of State Madeleine Albright spoke with Netanyahu on Saturday, but has not yet decided when she will travel to the region. Rubin said the visit would occur "very

soon" and that prospects for its success would be aided if the Palestinian Authority provides Israel "additional information and cooperation" through the trilateral security apparatus established during Ross's trip earlier this month. Such a development would help shift the focus from security matters to "restoring the trust and confidence that's been so unfortunately lost," Rubin added.

Although Netanyahu has concentrated on economic issues and business opportunities in his talks with Japanese officials and industrialists, his public comments are often interspersed with political comments, especially with regard to

The prime minister confirmed that the military aspect of the Middle East situation came up in yesterday's meeting with his Japanese counterpart, Ryutaro Hashimoto.

"He is interested in seeing stability in the Middle East," Netanyahu said. "I told him that the closure of the West Bank and Gaza Strip were a reaction to terrorism, not an act of punishmeot directed against the Palestinians."

One of the points stressed repeatedly by Netanyahu is that "peace and pros-perity go together." At the same time, he stresses that peace and terrorism cannot

A senior Palestinian official said on Monday the PLO has told militant groups opposed to its peace deals with Israel that they must suspend violeot

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PM Binyamin Netanyahu meets Japanese Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto in Tokyo yesterday

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Palestinian men pose yesterday with a boulder placed by the IDF to enforce the closure of the territories near Bethlehem. Residents tore down part of a barrier set up by soldiers near the town. See story, Page 2.

## 'Merge Japanese production with Israeli ingenuity'

By JAY BUSHINSKY

TOKYO - Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu yesterday called for a "merger" that would join Japan's manufacturing and marketing abilities with Israel's innovative high-tech industries, thus creating a "partnership" that would benefit both countries.

He noted that "speed and quality of innovation" - assets which Israel possesses in relative abundance are the best way to increase competitiveness, and the key to the 21st

Speaking at a packed meeting of the Keidanren Industrialists Association, Netanyahu urged his audience to look to Israel "for the outsourcing of research and development for your respective indus-

He also said he had delivered a message to Prime Minister Ryamro Hashimoto from King Hussein and himself urging Japan to invest in a water purification and desalination project in Jordan.

The region's population is growsupply is flat," the prime minister

The Prime Minister and Mrs. Netanyahu began their first full day in Japan by calling on Crown Prince Naruhito and Princess Masako at the royal palace. Their conversation, which was conducted in English, centered on the history and culture of Israel.

Next on Netanyahu's tight schedule was a meeting with Shoichiro Toyoda, one of Japan's leading industrialists and head of the Toyota company. Toyoda is also chairman of the economically influential

Keidanren. Netanyahu reminisced afterwards that the first jeep he drove in the IDF was made by Toyota, but wellinformed Israeli officials did not confirm a report that a Toyota assembly plant will be erected near the Erez checkpoint to employ both

Palestinians and Israelis. Another recurrent theme in the Prime Minister's talks here is his desire to inaugurate direct El Al

ing geometrically, but the water Netanyahu is anxious for them to start well in advance of the November 1998 economic conference due to take place in the context of the state's 30th anniversaty.

Although Japan Air Lines has expressed no interest in launching a parallel service, Netanyahu believes the El Al link would not only bring a significant influx of Japanese tourists, but would also facilitate access to Israel by Japanese investors and prospective business partners.

Negotiations on the Tel Aviv-Tokyo air link are snagged on the security issue, particularly Israel's insistence on having its personnel involved in the pre-flight process, according to highly-placed sources.

The sources added that Japanese exporters want a bigger share of the Israeli market, and are complaining to the Prime Minister as well as to Finance Minister Yaacov Neeman about customs and other tariff barriers which they deem discriminatory in comparison with those imposed on their Western European com-

## Budapest possible site for Israeli-Syrian talks

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN and news agencies

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu yesterday urged the Damascus regime to return to the negotiating table and praised it for helping wind down the latest escalation in Lebanon.

"The Syrians made an important contribution to this end," Netanyahu said in Tokyo, implying that Damascus was instrumental in discouraging the Iranian-backed Hizbullah from intensifying the sporadie hostilities in southern

"Israel and Syria worked to downplay the tension," he said at a packed news conference, adding that "peace will give Syria an opportunity to become more viable economically."

Israeli and Hungarian diplomats said yesterday they could neither confirm nor deny comments attributed to Foreign Ministry Director-



General Eitan Bentsur that Israel and Syria are considering holding a new round of peace talks in Budapest.

Bentsur was quoted by the Hungarian daily Nepszabadsag as saying he "cannot rule out that the Hungarian capital could be the venue for Syrian-Israeli consulta-

Bentsur, who was in Hungary over the weekend to prepare for a three-day official visit hy Netanyahu on September 19, did not give further details.

An Israeli embassy spokeswoman said she could neither confirm nor deny that talks were planned.

A Hungarian foreign ministry spokesman said the Hungarian gov-erument had not received an official request to host talks from either Israel or Syria.

Yesterday, dozens of Israeli tanks and military vehicles took part in a training exercise in the central Golan Heights in full view of the Syrian army.

The force was part of the culminating exercise of the IDF's annual battalion and company commanders' course. Its commander, Brig.-Gen. Y, said the exercise had no direct bearing on the Syrian moves.

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## Yemenite mother and child reunited after 49 years

genetic tests had determined that the US and has returned here sever-American citizen Tsila Levine is her al times to find her biological parbiological daughter who went missing as a baby 49 years ago.

Amosi, like many Yemenite Jews had to go through all this hardship, who arrived in the late 1940s and and I also feel it as a mother." early 1950s, had not known if her hospitalized baby had died or been adopted hy childless Ashkenazi par-

The news released the emotions which had been bottled up for nearly half a century, causing Levine and Amosi to burst into tears.

After waiting for the results of the tests for a week, Levine said: "Now we can cry and cry for joy."

"I feel like the lights have been turned on in my heart," Levine declared when attorney Rami Tsubari informed her of the test results from the Hebrew University, saying they were 99.9 percent con-

"I've never stopped looking for her," Amosi said. "She was in my heart every day and every hour. Every Friday when 1 lit Shabbar candles, I remembered her." "I feel blinded and really happy

Margalit Amosi, who lives in Petah Tikva, was told yesterday that results," said Levine, who lives in

"I am happy for Margalit, who

"God gave me a gift," Amosi added. "I want to see my new grandchildren, two boys aged 23 and 25. I want to see them all, and her husband. I haven't slept for three nights... Now everything will be easier for me."

Amosi met with Levine several days ago and they waited together for the test results. It was the culmination of three

years of hard work by Tsubari to discover the circumstances of Levine's adoption. He published a photograph of

Levine as a baby, and the Amosi family saw the resemblance to the child it had lost and made contact. The Amosis' baby, only several weeks old, disappeared in 1948

were told she was "missing."

after she was hospitalized. They



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## **NEWS**

in brief

#### Ministry ends probe of deputy police chief

The Justice Ministry has completed its investigation of Police Deputy Inspector-General Gabi Last and has passed its findings on to Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein.

The suspicions against Last focused on alleged connections with underworld figures in Netanya. Last is currently in Russia with Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani to investigate an alleged mafia ring headed by Zvi Ben-Ari (Gregory Lerner).

#### Arad denies conflict with Naveh

Uzi Arad yesterday dismissed the notion that he was in personal conflict with Cabinet Secretary Danny Naveh as absurd and inaccu-

Arad, in Tokyo with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanahn, described the "small, but efficient" team working with the Prime Minister as an exceptionally efficient group of individuals who respect and help rather than undercut one another, and called reports to the contrary "political gossip." Jay Bushinsky

#### Four illegal Palestinian homes demolished

The Civil Administration yesterday destroyed four Palestinian homes it said were built illegally in the West Bank.

"We demolished four homes, two in Za'ayim and two in the village of Nahalin. All four were illegally built structures,"a Civil Administration spokesman said.

The bomes in Za ayim, near the Mount of Olives, were nearly complete and not yet occupied, witnesses said.

In Nahalin, near Bethlehem, Palestinians threw stones at IDF troops

sent to guard bulldozers used to demolish the homes.

#### Over 70 face action in IDF bribery scandal

The IDF has filed charges against a dozen officers and soldiers for allegedly accepting bribes to grant recruits easy service and over 70 face disciplinary courts-martial, the army said. The alleged bribery took place at the Tcl Hashomer induction center and involved dozens of cases of recruits seeking to get out of field units and assigned close to bome. Criminal charges are to be brought against 12 officers and soldiers and the other 70 face disciplinary action for lack of sufficient evidence to charge them, sources said. The bribes reportedly involved small sums, bottles of cologne, and tickets to shows. Arieh O'Sullivan

## Officers punished for beating Beduin soldier

By AREEH O'SULLIVAN

Two officers from an elite unit accused of calling a Beduin soldier a "smelly dog" and beating him were convicted by a disciplinary court. The company commander in the anti-tank unit was sentenced to five days of hard labor with a 10day suspended sentence and his deputy was given a 14-day sus-

Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak said he regretted that these sort of things occurred in the IDF. Hc was updated on the incident and the punishment meted out.

The two officers were courtmartialled after OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Amiram Levine and Brig.-Gen. Benny Lidor, commander of the Ga'ash division where the unit is based, personally investigated the inci-

The incident occurred last Wednesday when the staff CO and

his deputy came to the room of the Beduin soldier on their base in Judea and Samaria to bid him farewell. The soldier was exhausted and refused to open the door. The officers broke in and beat him and cursed the soldier. Initial report of the event on Israel Radio drew a slew of condemnations from politicians, Beduin and the public.

the actions of the officers very gravely and ordered their courtmartial. At their trial, the officers expressed their regret and apologized to the soldier and his family. The incident comes amid growing complaints by minorities of discriminatory treatment by other sol-

"Our army is part of our society and reflects our society. But we should be more above that and serve as an example to society. We can't allow this sort of [racist] behavior to exist," said Brig.-Gen. Y, a senior IDF commander.

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"We bave asked the opposition groups to oppose peace deals only through democratic and peaceful means and not through military attacks," Arafat aide Tayeb Abdel Rahim said after a "national unity" meeting with Moslem militants

"Otherwise the [Palestinian] Authority will by law crack down on those who try to embarrass it by taking the law into their own bands," Abdel Rahim told Reuters.

Abdel Rahim said the unity talks were aimed at finding common ground between the authority and its opponents in light of "Israel's refusal to implement peace deals."

Abdel Rahim said Hamas bas demanded the release of its activists from PLO jails, but that the authority refused until Hamas agrees to respect Arafat's peace commitments to

Palestinian officials said no agreements had yet been this report.

reached and that the talks would continue.

Arafat on Monday reiterated that his people "will not kneel" to Israeli pressure following the closure of the West Bank and Gaza strip. wbo met with

President Hosni Egyptian Mubarak to discuss the crisis, said Israel is using "tough and inhuman" measures to force the Palestinians to concede ground at the negotiating table. Egypt's official Middle East News Agency quoted Arafat as saying that Mubarak offered him

closure, but did not elaborate. The meeting took place in the port city of Alexandria. "Israel is trying to make the Palestinian people kneel. But I say to the world, so that everyone near and far can hear, that

"valuable advice" to face the

the Palestinian people will not kneel," Arafat was quoted as saying by MENA. Arafat said be supports a call

for an Arab summit to face the problems that the Arab world is facing" and the future of

Hillel Kuttler contributed to

# IAF blasts Jibril base near Beirut

By DAVID RUDGE

IAF warplanes blasted a Palestinian terrorist base south of Beirut yesterday during another day of fighting io Lebanon which a South Lebanese Army officer was lightly wounded.

The air raid was the second on Ahmed Jibril's PFLP-General Command billtop base at Na'ameh in just over a week.

The IDF spokesman said the pilots reported direct hits on the targets and that all the planes returned safely to base. Reports from Lebanon said four

iets fired several air-to-ground missiles at the base. There were no immediate reports of any casu-

planes also staged low-level State of Israel." flights over eastern parts of "We are inten-Lebanon's Beka'a Valley not far from Syrian Army forward lines

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, speaking after the IAF air raid in Lebanon yesterday, said that Israel is wants to keep understandings reached after Operation Grapes of Wrath last year not to strike at civilians, but will contioue its fight against Hizbullah.

in the area.

"We want to talk. We want to fied answers, political solutions to the Lebanon problem," Mordechai said. "But as long as they are not found, we will have to fight in Lebanon in order to lties. provide the safety to the residents
According to the reports, IAF of the north and security to the

"We are interested in keeping to the understandings if the other side keeps them," Mordechai said, adding that Israel was looking for way to reduce the tensions.

Mordechal was speaking to reporters during a tour of Beit Shemesh, where he dedicated a rose garden in the name of the seven school girls slain by a

Jordanian soldier in Naharayim. The air raid yesterday, the ninth by the IAF on targets in Lebanon in the past month, appeared to be part of the ongoing measures to put pressure on the Lebanese government and the Syrians to restrain Hizbullah.

The organization has made it clear, despite the Katyusha rocket

that it intends to adhere to the Grapes of Wrath understandings. while continuing its "resistance"

activities in south Lebanon ainted at bringing about the collapse of the SLA and the ousting of the IDF from the region. Earlier yesterday, an SLA offi-

cer was lightly hurt when a roadside bomb was detonated alongside an SLA patrol in the Bint J'bail region in the western sector of the security zone.

Hizbullah claimed responsibility for the attack, which was close to the area where another SLA soldier was killed in a similar explosion last week.

The wounded officer was treated in the field and later brought to Nahariya's government hospital.

ing. Hizbullah also fired several moriar rounds at the IDF's Dabsha position in the eastern sector of the zone. There were no casualties in that incident and IDF

gunners returned fire. Meanwhile, Lebanese radio stations reported that several tank rounds fired from inside the zone hit a village on the outskirts of Nahatiya township, in the castern

part of south Lebanon. Four homes and two cars were damaged by the shells, although there were no casualties, according to the reports. SLA sources were quoted as saying that gunners had fired at Hizbullah positions in the area.

Arich O'Sullivan contributed to this report.

## Palestinian Police aim at IDF troops

By Jerusalem Post Staff and agencies

BETHLEHEM - While troops fired rubber bullets and teargas for four hours at 70 stone-throwing Palestinian youths on Monday near Rachel's Tomb in Bethlehem, Palestinian police took up positions behind barricades and pointed their assault rifles at the Israelis, wimess-

es said. "It's on the edge. If they come closer, we will shoot," said one Palestinian policeman who would not give his name. Several of the officers wore green surgical masks as protection against tear gas.

Three Palestinians were wounded by rubber bullets, hospital officials said, adding that one was hit in the neck.

At adjacent Beit Sahour, middleaged men including Christian and Moslem clerics tore down part of an Israeli barricade blocking a road into

the village. Young Border Police, apparently uncertain opposite the crowd of older - and some elderly -Palestinian men, stood watching for about 30 minutes as the group tore at the barricade with shovels, hoes and their bare hands. They moved in and stopped the group when the Palestmians brought in a bulldozer.

"This is the corpse of peace under these heaps of soil placed here by [Prime Minister Binyamin] Netanyahu's forces," said Kamal al-Sheikh, the PA police commander who accompanied the demonstrators. He was wearing civilian

A robed Roman Catholic priest who identified himself as Father William belped a group of men roll a boulder from the road, and called Israeli actions unjustified.

"We can't understand that for the sake of Israeli security Palestinians cannot cross from here to there. They want to kill Bethlebern ... They want to choke Bethlehem, to suffocate Bethlehem," he said.

"We are living in a big prison." said 18-year-old protester Khaled Takafkah. "The Israelis haven't left us with any hope for peace. They force us to fight to lift the closure on our city.

Israel has said it will ease the closure imposed after the Mahaneh Yehuda bombings last month when Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat cracks down on militants. A Hamas leaflet has claimed responsibility for the bombing, but officials on both sides question its authenticity. The dead bombers have yet to be identi-

terparts to exchange information, but Arafat bas rejected Israel's demand to make mass arrests, calling it a "dictate" that could cause civil war. According to Reuters, Israel sus-

Arafat's security men have been meeting their Israeli and U.S. com-

pects that the two masterminds of the Jerusalem bombing are hiding in

When we have cooperation with the Palestinians on security issues, then we will be able to lift the closure," Prime Minister Netanyahu told Israel radio in an interview from Japan where he is visiting.

## **Army: Missing soldier** was not mistreated

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

Guy Haver, the artillery corps soldier who has been missing for eight days, was not humiliated or mistreated by his fellow soldiers, a senior IDF commander said yesterday. Soldiers and police are still looking for Haver and with each passing

day the chances of finding him alive The senior source said the IDF and police still have no trace of the

fate of the soldier or any clue as to where he may have fled. Haver's family believe their son was bumiliated and mistreated

because he did not fit in. But the senior commander said an inquiry with Haver's battery

revealed no physical or psychologi-

Haver's parents and fellow soldiers have described Haver as a computer expert and very clever, but said he didn't always fit in with the rest of the group. The report that soldiers abused him is wrong and is an injustice to his unit, the senior commander said.

Haver disappeared with his weapon on Aug. 17 after finishing guard duty at his base on the Golan

"If you are able, contact us immediately. We miss you very much," said Haver's father Dr. Eitan Haver, a psychologist. He said the army had told him that his son would not face any punishment if he returned. As of last night, there was no reply from his son.



my in Tokyo. Holding her arm is the academy's school master Shizue Takizawa.

## Sara Netanyahu charmed at pre-school

By JAY BUSHINSKY

The sight of Japanese kindergarten children going through their daily routines put an exceptionally bright smile on Sara Netanyahu's face yesterday.

She glowed with enthusiasm when she described her visit to one of Tokyo's pre-school facilities.

"Her father wanted a son, but

when he saw her at the bome of a

pediatrician in Haifa's Carmel

neighborhood, he decided to take

ber," Fraser said. "If they had

known that this was a baby taken

in mysterious circumstances from

ber parents, they would not have

moment that Tsubari had called

Levine to give her the results of

water, because he was about to give

ber the news. I held her and hugged

her the whole time, and then she

went to Petah Tikva. She was over-

come with emotion. You can say the

story has a happy ending."

"He asked me to prepare a glass of

Fraser reconstructed

takeo her."

the test yesterday.

"Just to see those children getting into their pajamas at noon for their daily naps was something unforgettable," she said at a special reception attended by the Israeli Embassy. "It will take 2,000 years for us to match that kind of discipline," she said.

During her visit with the chil-Netanyahu played and

danced with them and all evidently enjoyed themselves.

Her time table dovernils with that of her husband. Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, allowing her to appear at his side during his public addresses, while enabling ber the opportunity to see the nonpolitical and non-economic aspects of the metropolis.

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Levine said her adoptive parents had told her she had been chosen from many children waiting for adoption at the bome of a wellknown pediatrician in Haifa whose wife was a nurse.

She grew up on Kibbutz Ein Hamifratz in western Galilee, and noticed at an early age that her skin color was "different." Ever since, she tried to find her biological parents, publishing photographs of herself as a baby and a child in the press during her visits

She left the kibbutz in her twen-

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The link is not direct. But you

can't deny that the exercise here is

improving our professional experi-

ence in an area where we may, and

I hope we won't, have to fight in the

In a related matter, Defense

Minister Yitzhak Mordechai said

the Syrian move closer to Iran was

dangerous and blasted the Iranian

efforts to obtain long-range missiles

which would put the entire region

in peril. Speaking during a tour of Beit Shemesh, Mordechai repeated

his call to Damascus to resume

ties, emigrating to the US.

Ten days ago, Levine returned to Israel from the US and met with Amosi and her family. They patiently waited together for the results of the genetic rests conducted by Dr. Hassan Hatib of the Genetics Department at the Hebrew University.

During her stay, Levine also returned to Kibbutz Ein Hamifratz. Members of the kibbutz were excited to hear ber news last night. Dina Fraser, a childhood friend

of Levine's, recalled that she had been brought to the kibbutz when she was a month old in 1948 by her adoptive parents, the late Andy and Motel Rosen.

Mordechai also said he had met

with US officials regarding the

transfer of advanced missile tech-

nology from Russia and China to

"Deploying Iran's weapons sys-

"We used all of our influence,

direct and indirect, on China. We

are doing it directly and indirectly with Russia and of course we are

being aided by our main and central

partner, the United States, so that it

exerts its influence so that advanced

technology does not fall into Iran's

hands, either directly or indirectly,"

tem poses a danger to the region,

Mordechai said.

Mordechai said.

peace negotiations with Israel.

Jordan denies Yarmuk dam project

Jordanian Foreign Minister Fayez Tarawneh dismissed reports yesterday that his country would build a dam with Israel on the Yarmuk River.

Tarawneh said the planned dam, agreed under a peace treaty with Israel three years ago, would be built on the Yarmuk River where it runs between undisputed Israeli and Jordanian land.

"It should be on our territory and their territory proper," he said.

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# School opening agreement may be premature

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

What looked like the proverbial white smoke emanating from the Knesset Education Committee raised hopes yesterday for the opening of the school year as

scheduled on Monday.

However, lingering questions about cuts in hours and the reinstatement of fired teachers made it still too early for parents to celebrate or pupils to start packing their backpacks.

Knesset Education Committee issued a release stating it had "brought about the opening of the 1997-98 school year." However, despite the efforts of Education Committee chairman Emanuel Zissman and the promises of Education Ministry Director-General Benzion Dell, teachers union officials said they are still waiting to see facts on the ground before calling off their threatened strike on Monday.

At the conclusion of an often loud meeting at the Knesset Education Committee yesterday, Dell promised Zissman, the teachers unions, and the National Parents Association that the agreement on funding for the long school-day reached with the Finance Ministry Saturday night means 70,000 classroom hours would be added to the system.

This addition, plus the return of hours we received for natural increase, will lead to their being more hours this year than last, even after we subtract the number of

hours that were cut last year," he that all sides agreed to open the said. "More bours means more

He promised to send a directive to school district heads today regarding the new allocation of hours, provided the Finance Ministry sends him a written version of the agreements reached Saturday night.

An Education Ministry spokesman issued a statement last spokesman issued a statement last night saying "the MKs and repre-sentatives of the teachers and par-ents praised the director-general's statement, and said that therefore there is nothing to prevent the opening of the school year on

However, Secondary Schools Teachers Association spokeswoman Rivka Kanarek said yesterday afternoon that Dell was not prepared to commit himself regarding the reinstatement of teachers facing dismissal because of the previously planned cuts in class hours, and would not guarantee the total number of weekly class hours would remain the

"We want to see what's happening in the schools," Kanarek said.
"The Education Committee plans to meet next Sunday to hear whether the classroom hours were indeed passed on to principals in the field, and whether first and second-year teachers who teachers, union officials said were being given dismissal notices were indeed retained.

"It's absolutely not true" to say

school year on time, as was reported on the radio yesterday after-

noon, she said. We heard promises from Benzion Dell; I don't know what's really going to be in terms of hours. We haven't heard from one principal telling us teachers slated for dismissal are going to be retained. Until we see what's happening in the field, we are not removing our threat of a strike," Kanarek said. She said the Histadrus Teachers Union has taken a similar wait-

and-see approach. While Dell insisted that the funds for the long school-day would free hours for regular instruction previously set aside for similar special programs, some MKs and Parents Association officials suspected the ministry was simply juggling fig-

"They're trying to throw sand in our eyes," said MK Dalia Itzik. Teachers union and Parents Association officials said they fear the ministry is simply pointing to the additional hours for the long school-day as the "extra hours" Dell was promising to add into the system - where in reality, serious cuts are already planned in schools where the long school-day program would not necessarily be implemented. "A long school-day in Sderot doesn't help pupils in Kfar Sava," said a Parents Association official,

Zissman promised all the parties involved would huddle again in a short time to try to come up with a teacher, who has a central role in

way to open the school year on

Meanwhile, the Finance Ministry last night released a breakdown of the financing of the long schoolday: NIS 70 million in "internal changes" in the Educational and Culture Ministry budget, NIS 60 million in funds that will become available because of the institution of the long school-day, including ject

those earmarked for special projects and other needs; NIS 270 in additional funding from the Finance Ministry; and NIS 100m. from the planned festivities to mark the state's 50th anniversary.

The Finance Ministry spokesman said these funds would make possihie a total of 85,000 classroom hours for the long school-day pro-

## Report recommends focus on learning disabilities

By JUDY STEGEL

The Margalit Committee, headed by Prof. Malka Margalit of Tel Aviv University's School of Education, recommended giving priority to improving allocations and planning services for children with learning disabilities in its report presented yesterday to Education Minister Zevulun

The 17 members on the comrepresenting Education and Health Ministries and the universities, worked for

They urged that every staffer in the educational system learn about learning disabilities, especially the

helping the pupils meet their potential.
In view of the increase in

awareness of learning disabilities and the number of pupils who apply for matriculation, the min-istry should prepare financially and organizationally for the growing demand for taking matriculation exams orally," the committee

Hammer said the report was the first working plan in Israel for dealing with pupils with learning disabilities. Despite the great increase in awareness in recent years, we are still far from a sinuation in which every pupil with a learning disability and his family receive the diagnosis and necessary treatment" he said.

## Levy threatens to bolt coalition over 'social injustice'

By MICHAL YUDELMAN

warned yesterday that if the govold age pensions, or violates its other commitments to Gesher, the faction will quit the coalition.

"I bope the government implements every clause of the agreement it signed with Gesher," Levy said, vowing to sabotage any attempt to slash child allowances, old age pensions or the wages of working women.

Speaking on Israel Radio, Levy said: "This is not a threat, but a demand that the agreement made with Gesher be kept. If insisting that an agreement signed by the prime minister be honored is a threat, then I don't know what world we're living in." He said the agreement consists of seven clauses, including help for young couples, students, residents of development townships and others. We saw what was coming and

insisted on ensuring employment by setting up an inter-ministerial Foreign Minister David Levy staff to create more jobs. No econ-The public's trust will collapse."

Levy noted that it was he who had managed to bave the decision to cancel the long school day revoked. As soon as be heard of Education Minister Zevulun Hammer's intention to renege on the promise, Levy said he "clarified the matter, and it shall not be canceled."

"We're not threatening. When an agreement is signed it must be kept, that's all. The agreement was published. That is our reason for being in the government," Levy said. He proceeded to hlast Treasury officials "who hasten to release all kinds of strange ideas in order to harm child allowances, old age pensions and the rights of working women. Floating ideas before the ministers have even beard of them is irresponsible."

## Car thefts up 30%

Some 21,500 vehicles were stolen in the country in the first half of the year - almost 30 percent more than during the same period lass year, according to Ze'ev Weiner, president of the Israel Association of Insurance Agents.

In July alone, Weiner said yesterday, more than 4,000 vehicles were stolen - 28% more than in the same month last year. He estimated that, by the end of the year, up to 45,000 vehicles will have been stolen.

Weiner was speaking at a press conference in Tel Aviv called ahead of an insurance company conference that begins September 8 in

He attributed the drop in insurance companies' profits to the rise in the number of stolen vehicles over the past year, and blamed the government for not allocating suf-

problem. He said the total income of insurance companies from January to March 1997 was NIS 3,469 million, a drop of 5.1% compared to the same period last year.

The number of claims went up in the first quarter of the year by 5.8% to NIS 1,804.

Weiner called on Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu to crack down on car thefts. He said the association is considering a petition to the High Court of Justice against the government for "not doing enough to protect its citizens and their property."

"One has to act as in a war," Weiner said. "The theft of cars is first and foremost a personal threat to all citizens of the state, more than a financial loss."

## Kibbutz reconsiders monkey business

By LIAT COLLINS and news agencies

Kihbutz Or-Haner bas suspended plans to breed monkeys and other primates for scientific experiments. The decision followa beavy criticism by animal rights groups and kibhutz mem-

bers themselves. The southern kihhutz had expected to receive the first few dozen primates this week. hut according to Nir Ben-Israel, a

member of the kibbutz secretari-

"We decided to talk it over with the kibbutz members and hear from doctors who are both in favor and against," Ben-Israel said yesterday.
"We will discuss things now

without pressure, without the monkeys hanging over us. Democracy will decide."

He said the kihbutz members, a large number of whom are the shipment has been post- from Argentina, had coosidered poned hy at least two weeks, the moral issue before making



Labor Party Chairman Ehud Barak embraces a member of the party's workers' committee after deciding to cancel dismissal notices that would have laid off one half of the party work-

## Barak admits he made a mistake

By MECHAL YUDELMAN

Labor leader Ebud Barak met the leaders of the party's workers' union yesterday to discuss how to implement personnel cuts in cooperation with the workers, after a four-day drama at the end of which Barak cancelled 35 dismissal notices and admitted he was

wrong. Barak, who had not set foot in party headquarters for four days, was received by the union leaders with hugs and kisses. Amid scathing criticism from prominent party figures, Barak said: "I take full responsibility for the entire event, I am not immune to mistakes. A leader must know how to admit his mistakes and learn from them. Maybe I should have waited another day or two to

hold discussions with the workers." Referring to the poster "Ehud fled again" which the workers put up, Barak said: "I am not easily frightened, not even by posters. I am the first to confront the party's difficult economic situation and the need for dismissals."

The party executive meeting scheduled for today was postponed for one week in order to hold it in a calmer atmosphere. Barak is expected to come under more fire at the meeting, at which former party leader Shimon Peres is due to speak.

Peres has reportedly said privately that Barak is destroying the party, and that what he is doing to Labor is a disgrace. Barak said the meeting was held in a good atmosphere and both sides agreed to "erase the

the lessons to be learned [from what happened] is that we must maintain a dialogue all the time, away from the media. Barak intends to continue with the cuts, but more gradually, and after helping find new jobs for the laid-off workers.

Barak yesterday rejected MK Nissim Zvilli's initiative to appoint Peres party president, saying this would mark a return of the "camps" to Labor. Zvilli said he would raise the matter, which had been brought up and dropped three months ago after Barak objected, at Labor's convention in Netivot on

September 29. "I was elected to lead the party, not to drag it back to the era of fights and corridor schemes. Zvilli's proposal past and go forwards. One of belongs to the past," he said.

#### Tsomet gets hate mail

Tsomet director general Sami Shenfeld has filed a police complaint after hate mail was sent to the party's Tel Aviv headquarters vesterday. The envelope was signed with the initials, in English, C.G. Inside was a sheet of paper on which was written: 'Fascists! Indeo-Nazis! We're sick of you! Your Judgment Day

The letter is believed to have been sent because Tsomet MKs are demanding a probe into the funding of haredi yeshivot. A television report had earlier spoken of fraud in the filing of

#### Christian leaders tour north

Tourism and Religious Affairs Ministry officials yesterday hosted Christian leaders on a tour of religious sites in the north, as part of preparations for the year 2000. Among the churchmen was Monsignor Bathish, appointed by the Vatican to coordinate the Roman Catholic jubilee observance in the Holy Land. The tour began with a reception hosted by Nazareth Mayor Ramzy Jerasy, and continued with a viewing of the Nazareth

2000 development project being carried out by the Tourist Development Corporation and other government agencies. The church leaders also visited Cana, Capernaum, Tabgha and

#### Arbei, Shoham to discuss prison deal

State Attorney Edna Arbel will meet with Judge Advocate-General Uri Shoham this morning to discuss the agreement reached between prison authorities and soldier-inmates to end the Angust 11 uprising at Military Prison No. 6.

Arbel was consulted before the deal was signed, and said she Arbel was consulted before the treat was agreed in the use of force in order to retake the facility

#### Meshulam follower remanded further

Menahem Sharma, a follower of imprisoned activist Uzi Meshulam, was remanded for another three days yesterday by Ramle Magistrate's Court.

This is the third remand for Sharma, who is suspected of planting a bomh at Petah Tikva Magistrate's Court on August 18. The bomb damaged the courthouse but caused no injuries. A search of Sharma's home revealed an ondisclosed quantity of stolen property and illegal weapons. Judge Nava Kapliansky ordered Sharma held further after reviewing classified police files, which convinced her his release might impede the investi-

## HEBREW PRESS REVIEW

MICHAL YUDELMAN

The press, responding to recent Akiva Eldar in Ha' aren. Arad economic developments, seems to be saying "Get ready for a tax

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu promised unequivocally that he would not raise taxes, remembers Ma'ariv's Yosef Lapid, who recalled Netanyabn's "read my lips" statement in the style of George

Now both the prime minister and Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman "somewhere above the Japan sea, are discussing raising taxes," says Lapid, noting that a tax bike is an admission that the government bas failed in its economic policy.

"Instead, it's easier to impose new taxes, as all failing regimes do. The bank governor will raise the interest rate to block inflation, the finance minister will raise taxes, and the prime minister will explain on television, in a firm convincing way, why he broke one of the promises which brought him to power," predicts

David Lipkin in Ma'ariv says the government is confusing the public. At first the prime minister and Treasurer demonstrated determination to cut the education and defense budgets. A short time later, Netanyahu instructed Neeman to refrain from cutting the education hudget. Now it seems they will have to back down from entting the defense hudget too, and may even increase it because of war threats from the North.

**OLD STORY** 

Zvi Barel in Ha'aretz talks ahout Netanyahu's announcement Sunday night that China will not sell Iran a nuclear reactor. This story is a little old, Barel notes, since China advised Israel two years ago that it was freezing the reactor's construc-

The decision was made, not because of Beijing's commitment to Israel or because it fell for the charms of the prime minister, but because Iran is not keeping up with its payments.

Russia, on the other hand, is continuing to build the reactor in Busbar, and is giving Iran advanced ballistic technology. "Russia does not seem impressed by the sharp message sent by Netanyahu, and it appears that reports about the great warming of Israel-Russia relations did not reach Moscow," he says.

Perhaps, suggests Barel, "we should cut off relations with Russia, or better still, impose a closure on it, until it fights the Iranian terrorism infrastructure."

ARAD'S SLIP-UPS

"After long years in the Mossad shadows, Uzi Arad was dazzled by the media flashlights and keeps bumbling," writes guards."

was fingered as the source in the prime minister's office who last week accused President Ezer Weizman of undermining Netanyahu. The accusation was officially denied by the PM's Office, and Arad reportedly intends to apologize to Weizman.

Eldar notes that the most important thing for Arad is to make an impression on Netanyahu. Less than a year ago, he writes, Arad joined Netanyahu on a trip to the United States, where he startled the American intelligence agencies with the sensational news that Iraq had enough materials to produce its first nuclear bomb. Another who was startled was Mossad bead Danny Yatom. The US administration was furioua when it learned the Israeli estimate was inaccurate, to put it mildly, writes Eldar.

"Netanyahu was nnfazed. What was important to him was Arad's persuasive skills. The content of what he said was marginal," says Eldar. The prime minister's bureau was less than thrilled by Arad's coming aboard, he continues, noting that cahinet secretary Danny Naveh especially didn't like the competition in the morning news hulletins and television's Mahat

Naveh failed to update Arad on his meeting with US envoy Ross in Washington, notes Eldar, and then, "completely hy accident," a press photographer arrived at the restaurant where Arad was dining on Tisha Be'av.

SORRY, NO CHILDREN Netanyahu went to Japan to prove his thesis that there is no connection between peace and economics, and that there is life ontside Washington, which is preparing to welcome President Weizman, writes Eldar, revealing some of the behind-thescenes motives of Netanyahu's

So badly did Netanyahu want to get to Tokyo that he forgot to ask whether the emperor will be at bome in August," continues Eldar, noting that reporters were proudly told that the crown prince will receive the prime minister.

"Two secretaries were sent a week in advance to see to it that Cuban cigars and Belgian chocolate were put in the hotel rooms. But [the prime minister's people] remembered to tell the Japanese only at the last moment that the prime minister wants to visit. The Japanese are very polite and hospitable people; the only hint of discomfort was that they are not prepared to look after little children. Bihi made do this time with his wife, [businessmao and protege] Izzy Tapuhi and 70 escorts and bodyर्भ धड्

ear.

## Police to investigate yeshiva corruption

By LIAT COLLINS

MK Yossi Katz (Labor) told the Knesset State Control Committee yesterday that he would give police information on suspicions that some yeshivot are filing false reports in order to receive more funds.

Katz, who chairs the committee, said he had received complaints that Habad yeshivot are listing certain students and are getting allocations for them even though the students live abroad. He also said he had beard of administrative staff being paid "under the table," while being registered as yeshiva students. This is in addition to charges made by Israel Television reporter Ayala Hasson on Sunday that some students are registered at more than one yeshiva, thus increasing the funding for both. Additional complaints have

reached the MKs that hundreds of

thousands of Kollel students who are apparently working for "black" money remain registered as students.

The meeting itself was dedicated to complaints that housing policy favors the haredi public. The discussion was held at the request of former committee chairman Ran Cohen (Meretz). Cohen claimed that between 1995 and 1997, the budget for traditional and secular neighborhoods has been cut by NIS 6 million, while nearly NIS 4 million has been added to the budget for haredi neighborhoods. He said the budget had been slashed completely in certain secular areas, including neighborhoods in Even Yehuda, Eliakin, Bnei Ayish, Givatayim, Holon, the Old City of Acre, Rishon Lezion and Ramat Gan. He pointed out that out of nine needy neighborhoods in Tel Aviv, only one, which has a largely haredi population, was included in a recent

neighborhood rehabilitation project, Housing Ministry Director General Meir Shlomo Greenberg said the ministry acts only according to professional considerations and invests money in the improvement and maintenance of neighborhoods according to their physical, economic and sociological needs, without regard to the sector of the population found there. He said the project for strengthening neighborhoods provides money for three or four years to stop physical decay and dilapidation, and that, for the neighborhoods Cohen mentioned, the time covered by the project had simply expired, and so money had been allocated to other areas.

MK Moshe Gafni (United Torah Judaism) complained of a tendency to blacken the name of all haredim. He said illegalities should of course be be investigated and prosecuted, but should not reflect on a sector of the public as a whole.

Referring to Katz's call for a special committee meeting on the yeshiva issue, Gafni said he would demand a similar meeting on apparent irregularities found by the State Comptroller in the Education Ministry's funding of youth movements while the ministry was under Meretz control.

State Comptroller Miriam Ben-Porat said the housing issue was being investigated by her office without relation to specific sectors, but if the arrows seem to point toward one sector, she would not hesitate to note the fact.



## Wild patients

The patients at this hospital aren't just sick, they're

The country's newest veterinary hospital was inaugurated last night at the Abu Kabir Zoological Garden run by the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel. The facility is the first in the country dealing specifically with wild animals, and will treat victims of poisoning, hunting, abandonment and car accidents. among other things.

The hospital is stage two of the "Born to be Wild!" project founded by the SPNI and Tnuva.

Large numbers of wounded wild animals are brought to clinics around the country every year. There is no guiding or responsible body, and thousands die without treatment," said SPNI Director Eitan Gadalyzon.

"This hospital will allow us to use the best available technology to treat the animals and release them back into the wild once they have recovered."

The director of the bospital is Dr. Yigal Horowitz.

Apart from the regular features, the veterinary center also includes a modern incubator for the eggs of birds belonging to endangered species. A special isolation unit is for animals suspected of suffering serious infectious diseases. (Tax List Collins; Photo: Hanoch Grintzky)

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Council mooted

Third Way MK Alex Lubotsky is calling for the establishment of a higher education council for yeshivot along similar lines to the council overseeing universities and colleges. Such a council could solve problems stemming from the way allocations to the yeshivot are handled politically, he said.

"The same way we support students of Talmud at universities, there's no reason not to support Talmud students at yeshivot," said Lubotsky, who is modern Orthodox. He said that while the situation had improved over the last 10 years, responsibility for funding should be removed from the Religious Affairs Ministry and placed in the hands of an independent council.

The Knesset would determine how much the council should receive and the council would make the allocations. Lubotsky, formerly head of the Hebrew University's mathematics department, noted that universities receive funds according to the number of registered students and

for development programs. He said the yeshivot my to make up for the lack of the development funds

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"by all sorts of different tricks." He noted that the funds for yeshivot are not monitored like university funds, because they come from so many different sources - including the Education, Religious Affairs, Defense, and Labor and Social Affairs ministries - as well as from scholarships for needy students and municipalities.

"Because of this, it is a gray area in which nobody knows who gets what," Lubotsky said. However, he said, the yeshiva heads are concerned that supervision by a council would lead to external interference in the curriculum.

"The main thing is to ensure there will be no connection between this council and the religious parties," Lubotsky said. He noted that the present criteria for funds reflect which party is in control of the Religious Affairs Ministry, so that Shas tries to favor large families while the National Religious Party adds credit for IDF veterans.

## 100th Zionist Congress begins today in Basel

By MARILYN HENRY

The 100th anniversary of the First Zionist Congress will be commemorated amid tight security this week in Basel, but without the president of Israel.

President Ezer Weizman sent regrets - last January - that he would not attend the ceremonies honoring Theodor Herzl's dream. He cited scheduling conflicts.

The Herzl centenary seems to have been deflated by the contretemps over Switzerland's wartime relations with the Nazis and its banks' failure to return Jewish assets to Holocaust survivors and their heirs.

"We are here in Basel to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Zionism and the vision of Theodor Herzl, but we know that the whole issue of Switzerland during World War II cannot be put away for a week," said Thomas Lyssy, vicepresident of the Swiss Jewish Federation. The issue is here."

today with a conference featuring Israeli and Swiss historians whose program seems heavy on Zionist thought and light on results a century after Herzl presided over the August 29-31, 1897, gathering of 196 Icwish intellectuals in a Basel While the timing was ironic,

Lyssy said, it also had provided an opportunity that has been squan-

We thought it would be important that the president of the State of Israel be here at a very important place for the State of Israel, and that it would have been a good opportunity for President Ezer Weizman to talk to the Swiss people," he said.

Some Swiss Jews privately

grumbled that Weizman's failure to attend undercut Israel's claim to represent all Jews. The commemoration also lost

Arnold Koller, president of Switzerland.

The official reason is protocol. If Ezer Weizman cannot come, the president of Switzerland cannot don't think this is a time to talk about protocol."

Instead, the Israelis will be represented at the formal ceremony on Sunday by Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon and Avraham Burg, head of the Jewish Agency and the World Zionist Organization, Burg, a member of the Jewish-Swiss committee overseeing a forensic audit of the Swiss banks, has been a vocal critic of Switzerland.

Security arrangements in Basel are very tight, and certain areas, including the synagogue and Jewish school, have been closed off to vehicles. We have a week The commemoration opens like Mea She'arim on Shabbes no cars," Lyssy said. Some 1,200 canton police and

730 Swiss soldiers will provide secority in Basel, which Herzl chose for the congress a century ago when Munich refused to wel-

The security threat was seen as coming both from the conflict in the Middle East, as well as a fear of right-wing extremists and skinheads, Lyssy said.

The security arrangements were criticized by some in the right

They say the same Jews that criticize us are being protected by the army they are criticizing,

The Herzl commemoration also was criticized by pro-Palestinian and local left-wing groups, who held an alternative event last

"The Zionist project as defined in Basel signalled the onset of an lions of Palestinians, and has transformed the Middle East into a zone of permanent conflict," they said in a statement.

Lyssy acknowledged that there has been a rise in antisemitism in Switzerland, but said Swiss Jews are not in danger. One indicator, he said, were the posters that, since June, have advertised a special Herzl exhibition. They had not been vandalized.

"What concerns me is that we have a right-wing politician, Christoph Blocher," Lyssy said. Blocher, a nationalist, is leading the opposition to Swiss public contributions to a humanitarian fund for Holocaust survivors, and is associated with a drive for a referendum that is expected to defeat plans for a "solidarity fund" to help victims of genocide, human

but some of his supporters are," Lyssy said. "Some antisemites just came out of their holes."

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Krenz presented a letter from

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By ERIK KIRSCHBAUM

BERLIN (Reuters) - Egoo

Kreoz, East Germany's last

hardlioe commuoist leader, was

whisked off to jail on Monday

after being sentenced to six and

a half years for the deaths of

refugees trying to escape over the Berlin Wall.

A Berlio court found the 60-

year-old Kreoz guilty of

manslaughter for four killings

during the 1980s at the infamous

Cold War barrier that divided

the city between 1961 and 1989.

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prison, less than two km west of

where the Berlin Wall once

Two other former members of

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placed before the Swedish people types and to encourage Aryan feaabout a sterilization law that permitted forced sterilization for such Swedish politician called yester- a long time," Svensson wrote.

"It is in the government's and political parties' interests to open up this grim chapter in our histo-Persson received the letter yes-

terday and no decision has yet been made about a commission, a spokeswoman said.

Revelations that Social Democratic Swedish governments - famous for introducing model welfare states - sterilized women

in the liberal newspaper Dagens common Nordic blood stock. Nyheter, saying Sweden, Norway and Denmark pioneered racial cleansing "sciences" after World

In Sweden the sterilizations began in 1935, peaked in 1946, and were oot stopped until 1976. Officially voluntary, victims say they were ordered to sign permission slips or risk losing their other children and all benefits.

Most of the victims were "inferior" or of "poor or mixed racial

Egon Krenz is followed by press and paparazzi on the way to the courtroom in Berlin yesterday, just before he was convicted for manslaughter.

"To put it brutally. In Sweden it was only under the social democrats and in Germany only under the Nazis that a citizen's capacity for reproduction could be stoleo because of the color of their hair or their handicap," journalist Maciej

Zaremba wrote. "What happened was oothing but barbaric," Social Affairs Minister Margot Wallstrom said on Saturday, adding she was prepared to review

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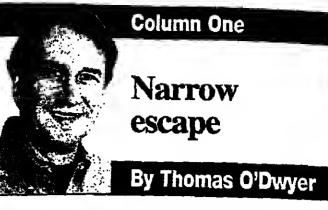
Swedes call for probe of Nazi-era sterilizations

deep embarrassment for the governing Social Democratic Party, credited with forming a model welfare state but now facing allegations of pioneering methods later used against millions by Nazi Germany.

"Racial cleansing and purging the undesirables was on the whole a social democratic project... In Sweden sterilization surgery was part of the very base of the building of the welfare state," the journalist wrote.

Suez Canal bridge built communices in the Sinai land in the New Valley and southem Egypt using a new canal and

spillway beginning in Lake Nasser.



Zambian police have shocked the world by shooting and wounding the respected former president. Kenneth Kaunda. Fortunately, the 73-year-old African elder statesman was only lightly burt.

But as usual with a story which "suddenly" hreaks into the headlines, it began a long time before. The immediate run-up to the shooting was apparent last week to

Africa-watchers when the capital's market traders rioted. In fact they rioted twice - once when a mysterious fire swept through the crowded marketplace, and again when police broke up trading stalls the rioters themselves had missed the first time.

incidentally, our own govern-ment helped to build the Lusaka market, a lively and typically African heartheat of the city. The trouble is, the area was supposed to accommodate 3,000 traders. But op to another 7,000 unlicensed vendors had been pressing in. When the fires broke out last week, the angry traders headed at once for the presidential palace, on the assumption the government had taken a quick and easy way to clear out the bootleg stalls.

The palace is occupied by the slippery President Frederick Chilubato, another of those dreary Africa rulers who, having reached power hy reasonably fair means, seems determined to hang on to it by any means.

In a bid to divert the market merchants' anger, Chilubato came op with the mother of all disinformation by announcing via his spokesman Richard Sakala: Government investigations have revealed that Kenneth Kaunda is behind the burnings."

Foot shot

If the president was not in any way behind the subsequent shooting of Kaunda, he certainly managed to shoot himself neatly in the foot in advance of it. If the presideot could blame Kaunda for burning the market, bow could the government complain wheo the opposition then blamed it for targeting him?

Kaunda was a rarity among long-term African leaders who led their countries to independence he stepped aside gracefully in 1991 after losing Zambia's multi-party elections.

He lost to Chilubato, supposed then to represent a new generation of post-Cold War politicians. But in a return bout last year, it appeared Chilobato was more inclined to the old sebool of African politics.

He changed the constitution to bar Kaunda as a presidential candidate, because the parents of the Father of the Naoon were born in Malawi, Kannda's United Nacional Independence Party boycotted the November election.

Kaunda is something of an enigma. Always known at home as "the one who was not expected," he is much loved at bome and abroad, although the record of his 27 years in power is less than impressive. This is apart from the beginning, of course, when be led the country to independence from Britain, the first country in the region to do so.

Romantic

Politically he was a one-partystate leader for much of his tenure. Yet he was always regarded as a human, liberal man - something of a romanoc, given to emotion and Io poetry and music. He also was a devout Christian, but managed to combine it with African tribal custom and beliefs. He was undisputed figurehead of the frontline African states who opposed South Africa's apartheid system and a warm friend of Nelson Mandela. As Kaunda has grown older, it seems respect for him only grows and grows and memories of his mistakes fade and fade.

. It is no wonder that Chilubato fears the grand old man will make a comeback. His name still commands respect abroad. As recently as last Thursday, be urged the West to keep pressure and sanctions on the Zambian government because of its anti-democratic tendencies. On Samrday, Kaunda and Roger

Chongwe, head of the Liberal Progressive Front, went to address an opposition rally in Kabwe, a large city 150 km north of Lusaka. Kaunda later said police started firing tear gas into the crowd, after first breaking up the podium and some chairs. "The police pursued the party leaders into UNIP's offices, forcing them back onto the street with tear gas," he said. "As we walked to our cars, the police continued firing tear gas, about 30 to 40 canisters on us and the crowd. They continued firing tear gas into the car and tried to block its exit."

Messenger hunt

"The driver kept the car moving after police fired live ammunition at the occupants," Kaunda said. Visibly shaken , with blood still on his shirt, he told reporters Sunday said he had left the bospital because he did not feel safe there. "Before we left for Kabwe, I received information that Chilubato was preparing to assassinate both me and Chongwe.

This blood is not for outling."

Of course, the government has responded with blah, blah, big investigation, decial of responsibility. So, are police chiefs on suspension? Are those who fired the shots under arrest? Of course not

The first target was the messen-T corps. All the Sunday m "ignored" the shooting except one newspaper, although they reported "disturbances" at the Kahwe rally. Among the scores of opposition members rounded up at the rally was Zambia Post special projects editor Masautso Phiri - for taking pictures of the police rampaging through the raily.

Lusaka lawyer Mwangala Zaloumis, who was in the motor vehicle with Kauoda and Chongwe when police shot at them, said the rights of journalists are in grave danger in Zambia. "Phiri's camera was smashed,

his rolls of film destroyed, he was shoved around, assaolted - by police, no less" said Zaloumis. "It is shocking."

Blessed is the country that has

no news. We have not heard of Zambia in the headlines for some time. It's back, and if we were Zambians, we should worry about

## "Terrifying facts are now being to rid society of "inferior" racial Indonesia offers Russia jeans for jets

#### **Jerusalem Post Staff**

JAKARTA - Indonesia plans to offer Russia commodities and consumer goods in exchange for Russian Sukhoi Su-30 fighter jets and MI-17 helicopters, the official Antara news agency reported

The agency quoted Trade and Industry Minister Tunky Ariwibowo as saying on Saturday the government had decided to offer commodities which were in demand on the international mar-

The products included instant coffee, rattan, rubber, canned human rights record.

fish, fertilizer and jeans.

We will not only offer com-modities, but also other industrial products such as soaps, detergent powder, tooth paste, shoes and textiles," he said.

Indonesia annouoced this month that it would acquire 12 Russian Sukhoi Su-30K fighter aircraft and eight Russian MI-17-IV. helicopters as part of a defence modernization plan.

The announcement followed Jakarta's decision in June to cancel a deal to buy nine U.S. F-16 jets following criticism in the U.S. Congress of Indonesia's

CAIRO (AP) - Japan has agreed to give Egypt a \$99.27 million grant for the construction of a bridge over the Suez Canal, an embassy statement said yester-

day.

The agreement was signed by Egypt's Minister of State for Planning and International Cooperation, Zafar Salim el-Bishri, and Mitsuo Sakaba, the Japanese charge d'affairs in Cairo.

The grant will be used for a government project that seeks to encourage about 3.2 million people to move from Cairo's overcrowded urban areas into newly

Peninsula, east of the Suez Canal. The bridge would increase road traffic across the canal to 50,000-60.000 vebicles per day, up from the current 30,000, said a

Japanese Embassy press release. Currendy, mainland Egypt and the Sinai Peninsula are connected with an underground tunnel. Committees also use ferries to cross the canal.

The Sinai project is one of several touted by the Egyptian government to help develop the country. The government's key project, the \$88.75m. Toskha project seeks to irrigate large areas of

## Kiev cautiously joins NATO drill

#### By ROSTISLAV KHOTIN

DONUZLAV NAVAL BASE, Ukraine (Reuters) - As Ukraine's navy spruced up this Soviet-era base for the week's Sea Breeze 97 exercises with NATO, officials were trying to limit the potential damage to relations with Moscow.

The event, a mock-up humanitarian operacoo rather than a combat mission, has annoyed Russia because it is being held with NATO, and on Ukraine's Crimean peninsula, where 75 percent of the population is Russian.

Furthermore, local people say the exercises – which bring together U.S., Turkish, Bulgarian, Georgian and Romanian, Ukrainian ships - could harm the lucrative tourist trade.

Officials disagree. These exercises aim to improve the life and health of the people," Ukrainian Defence Minister

week. "There should be no impact oo the tourist season because ships cannot be seen from the beaches."

Colonel Borys Rekuts, a Donuzlav base commander, explained the idea behind the exercise: "It's the Orange republic and it's had an earthquake and we're trying to bring humanitarian

The Ukrainian armed forces chief of staff, Colonel-General Olexander Zamnaiko, said last week that Ukraine would hold joint military exercises with Russia in Crimea in October.

"It's clear that Ukraine wants to maintaio a balance between Russia and the West," said Serhiy Zgurets, a military commentator at the influential Den daily.

The Ukrainian Defence Ministry sent Sea Breeze invitations to the Russian Black Sea fleet, which is based near Olexander Kuzmuk said last Donuzlav under a 20-year leasing

deal between Kiev and Moscow. But Moscow agreed to send observers only, after rejecting oot only the invitation but the very idea of exercises with NATO in Crimea, which for centuries has been fought over by Russia, Turkey, Britain and France.

"Crimea is a mountain of difficult memories. Everything here is historically very sensitive," Leonid Grach, leader of Crimea's Communist Party, told Reuters.

"It's better not to touch the past and not to hold these exercises," added Grach, whose party has headed the campaign of public opposition to Sea Breeze. The area saw bloody battles dur-

ing World War Two. In the 1950s, Kremlin leader Nikita Khrushchev ceded Crimea to the then-Soviet republic of Ukraine, Communists in Crimea plan a march on Monday to the city centre, where a rally is planned near

Russia objects to NATO's eastward enlargement - although Ukraine has no immediate plans to join the alliance - and views the exercises as a precursor to a NATO presence in Crimea, a strategic location jutting inlo the Black Sea

Ukraine has been an enthusiastic participant io NATO's Partnership for Peace program of military cooperation.

Originally, Ukrainian foreign and defence ministry statements said the exercises were to be only in Crimea. But the timetable showed that sports events and ceremonies marking six years of Ukrainian independence will be held in Donuziav on Sunday, after the arrival of foreign vessels on Saturday.

On Monday, the ships will travel 200 km from Crimea to the southern Mykolayiv region, and then to the port of Odessa, where the exercises will take place.

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As adversity plagues Mir, many question the safety of sending more US astronauts

#### By KATHY SAWYER

WASHINGTON - The orbiting Soviet space station has drifted for eight months uninhabited, out of control, silent, all its instruments dead. Without power, its dark interior has "frozen over like a peasant hut in winter." Icieles sprout from pipes; frost covers the walls and instruments.

This is not some worst-case pre-diction of what awaits the troubled Mir if the current crew fails in a crucial repair job set for early Friday. This was the grim scene that actually greeted a pair of cosmonauts 200 miles above Earth on June 24, 1985.

In a feat that is legend among spacefliers but virtually unknown to the broader public, the two cosmonauts, Vladimir Dzhanibekov and Viktor Savinykh, managed an unprecedented manual docking of their smaller spacecraft with the abandoned, slowly tumbling, railroad-car-sized station, Salyui 7. Clad in fur-lined jumpsuits and extra socks to ward off frostbite. they spent days scrambling back and forth between the two craft, rigging life-support systems, fumbling with wiring, fixing burst pipes, thawing frozen supplies and, against all odds, gradually

reviving the tomblike facility. Back then, the achievement was lauded as an exhibition of courage and resilience. The cosmonauts bad "snatched (the space station) back from the brink of death," Western

He was impressed, he added, by the Soviet demonstration of American-style "competence and

flexibility." Today, by contrast, a continoing plague of adversity aboard Mir is widely interpreted as symbolic of the Russian space program's economie and political decline, in dramatic contrast with its flush glory days under the Soviet empire. People wonder why anyone wants to save such an old rattletrap.

Have eircumstances changed to the point that what once was deemed courageous is now just reckless? That is one of the debates that has swirled around the Clinton administration's decision to push cautiously forward with the US-Russian partnership in orbit despite the high-visibility troubles on Mir. Members of Congress, opponents of human spaceflight and expert critics such as Oberg have questioned the safety, as well as the usefulness, of sending any more American astronauts to fly on Mir.

In the world of spaceflight, however, people see the current orbital drama as a harbinger of a future they must confront, given that the US is committed to beginning construction of an international space statioo in orbit with the Russians oext year.

Technical problems are the inevitable result of aggressive experimentation or, in the vernacular of the "right stuff," pushing the edges of the envelope. Collisioo, fire, loss of breathable

expert James Oberg said afterward. air and a bost of lesser "random forts and failures. failures" are to be avoided whenever possible on a spacecraft, they say. But they must train hard to deal with such occurrences.

On Mir, now, they see an unparalleled "learning opportunity." "Any major system is going to have failures." Jim Van Laak, deputy manager of NASA's US-Russian flight operations, said last week. Whether on space stations, or commercial aircraft, he said, several hours of maintenance are routinely spent for each hour of flight time. Almost a million hours of "touch labor" are invested on a space shuttle

before each brief flight. "What we have not gotteo used to in this country - and NASA is as guilty as anyone else - is having to sustain (a spacecraft) on a continuing basis" in orbit, he said. All the maintenance of the planned USled international space station will be done in orbit by astronauts and cosmonauts. "And you will see it on the evening news.

And we just need to get used to that." If foul-ups and glitches were a valid measure all by themselves, the space-going prowess of the Soviets as Cold War adversaries could have been written off decades ago. Mir is the latest in a series of increasingly sopbisticated space stations they have launched to orbit since 1971. The Soviet/Russian space program leads the planet not only in long-duration human spaceflight accomplishments, but also in experience coping with the attendant accidents, setbacks, discom-

Gen. Thomas Stafford, a veteran Apollo astronaut who heads an independent oversight committee advising NASA on the US-Russian partnership, said, "These people have shown great resiliency over the years in their ability to patch things up and keep going."
At around 3 a.m. EDT Friday morning, newly arrived Mir commander Anatoly Solovyev - the world's most experienced spacewalker - and flight engineer Pavel Vinogradov are to start suiting up for the planned "internal spacewalk," which should begin around 5 a.m. EDT, with American astronaut Michael Foale standing by in

an attached descent spacecraft. This is the first of several spacewalks planned over the coming months to restore the crucial electrical power and repair other damage done when an unmanned Progress cargo vessel slammed into the station during a manual docking test on June 25, denting a solar panel and puncturing the new Spektr laboratory module. Officials recently reported that the Progress apparently also grazed the facility's core as well as

another lab module, Kvant-1. The collision occurred as the Russians were testing a new docking system that, a Russian space official said this week, they intend to adapt for use on the planned US-led international space station.

Russian officials have attributed the June crash to "human error" by either system developers on

the ground or crew in orbit. Solovyev has used the same system successfully since his arrival at Mir last week.

Mir seems safe, Stafford said, but to keep the station productive as well, it is "erucial" that the crew restore some of its lost electrical power. They would then be able to accomplish perhaps 85 percent of the planned scientific research - even with Spektr out of commission.

Experts inside and outside NASA say the Russians' track record, their detailed planning and the fact that they have replaced the previous trouble-prone and exhausted Mir crew with a fresh, well-trained pair offers cause for optimism about the chances of success.

Friday's planned repair work aboard Mir is much less complex than, for example, the restoration of the Hubble Space Telescope, according to NASA spacewalk experts. It is "about one-quarter" as difficult as the recovery of Salyut 7, according to John Fabian, a former astronaut now a consultant on US-Russian cooperation.

For decades, with little fanfare, cosmonauts on space stations have been dealing not only with nuisances such as balky computers, sanitation problems, brown residue over their portholes and a broken exercise machine, but an impressive list of crises at least as dramatic as the current one.

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# Corruption and smut in smalltown America

OAK GROVE, Ky. - The wooden shack set back on a bleak stretch of highway outside Fort Campbell sells Chinese food now. But in the days when off-duty soldiers and locals paraded through its back rooms, the New Life fitness center was a bouse of secrets. Most people here had heard the whispers about what went on inside, but no one could have imagined where all those secrets would lead.

The secrets are out now, coursing too quickly for most people in this military-base town of 3,000 to tell the real from the fanciful.

At times it seems as if every prominent man in Oak Grove ducked into the New Life Fitness and Massage Parlor for flings with hostesses who went by such racy monikers as "Harley" and "Mercedes." It Town & Country should be trying to

was stunning enough when Tammy Papler, the convicted madam who called herself Mercedes, raged during a Town Council meeting in mid-July that Oak Grove's police and leaders took bribes, botched an unsolved murder case and sought sexual favors at her now-shuttered massage parlor. "This town is crooked." she barked, "and I've got the paperwork to prove it!" Papler's allega-tions were quickly disputed by Oak

Grove officials. Michael Burman, the city attorney, questioned her reliability and noted her 1994 arrest for promoting prostitution. "Her allegations shift faster than we can keep up with," Burman said.

Then Harley came forward to second Papler's allegations - and Oak Grove's somnolent ejvie affairs took on the frenzied air of a backwoods cockfight. Harley mrned out to be Patty Belew, 26, a town councilwoman who admitted she had mmed tricks for two years at the massage parlor before marrying into one of the community's oldest and largest clans.

Insistent that "the truth has to eome out," Belew has lent Papler's corruption charges enough eredibility to help spur the FBI and the Kentucky State Police to investigate Oak Grove's gov-

But Belew fears her "one moment of standing up" could jeopardize her council seat, ber iob as a mobile home saleswoman and the affection of her family.

"I feel like that lady in 'Harper Valley PTA,' " a weary-eyed Belew said, recalling the 1960s country-song heroine who took on ber entire town and won ber daughter's admiration by defiantly exposing its pious hypocrites.
"I'm just afraid it ain't going to

end that way." That it might not is a reflection of the bard reality of life in American military base towns. Most bases have a tawdry strip nearby where young soldiers can ease their boredom. But when base towns transform into robust communities, depending less on bonky-tonk sections for jobs and tax revenue, the adult businesses that prosper there are not so easily

Only "a clean sweep" by out-side authorities, suggested Hopkinsville Community College bistory Prof. William T. Turner, a scholar of the area's past, might "get people around here to even start thinking seriously about whether these places are worth keeping in business. The sad thing

is they're part of our landscape."
That landscape bas been fertile territory for Papler, 29, ever since she opened her massage parlor there in 1991. Two years after police raids forced ber to close down New Life in 1994, she opened a video store next door.

Belew's decision to leave the strip in 1994 was a stroke of good fortune. Just weeks after she left, two massage parlor bostesses were found dead, their throats slashed, in one of New Life's back rooms. Soon afterward, Christian County sheriff's deputies raided

the parlor and shut it down.
Without any past arrests, Belew was able to land a respectable job. She formed a new family out of the shards of a failed first marriage. And in 1996, she was elected town councilwoman.

It was not until the night of the council meeting on July 15 that Belew felt the facade of her new life start to rip away. When she drove up to the red brick building that serves as Oak Grove's City Hall and Utility Office, she was stunned to see her old bosses. Papler and her husband, Ronnie, waiting in a car.

What are you doing here?" Belew whispered.

"I'm fixing to go in there and

end this," Papler said. It had been nearly three years since they had seen each other. While Belew had eased her way into respectability. Papler

was trying to hold onto the middle-class world she made in the ranch house on the Tennessee line she shared with Ronnie and

The Paplers had plea-bargained after their arrests, serving two years probation. Now Tammy Papler was back on the strip. owner of Cherry Video, a film store renting Disney classics along with an ample inventory of pomo

Oak Grove officials informed her that her store was subject to a new law imposing \$5,000 annual

fees on X-rated firms - a steep rise from typical \$50 license fees.

Papler was outruged, a skepticism shared by some observers. Grove is making money on these places when they

shut them down," said historian Turner, who is also on the board of the area's largest

Striding into the hall where Belew sai nervously with Oak Grove officials, Papler rose as soon as the call came for the "citizens' portion." Police and officials had employed New Life's prostitutes, she charged. Cops misused evidence left from the unsolved 1994 murders.

One officer, Papler said, "failed a lie detector test" and was a murder suspect (a charge later verified by Christian County's sheriff's Maj. Billy Gloyd, who also noted the Paplers had not been ruled out as suspects). And Papler claimed she was forced to pay money to police and buy them equipment.

This town ain't got nothing but a bunch of hypocrites," she yelled before being hustled out of the meeting room.

Papler's charges might have been dismissed as pure vengeance if Patty Belew had not come to her defense. Belew says she had little eboice. As the July 15 council meeting erupted into chaos, Papler yelled: "If y'all don't believe me, there's other people, OK?" Then she named Belew, saying: "She's one of the most honest people that 1 know, OK?"

Papler's veiled reference shook Belew. It was only a matter of time before her past became common knowledge to everyone in town. She consulted with Oak Grove officials. But when Burman recommended that she might consider resigning from the couocil to avoid embarrassment, Belew bridled.

"It was time to stand up," she said. "I wasn't going to be left the only bad person up there." Two days after the meeting, Belew drove to Papler's Tennessee house and defiantly told reporters gathered there that she bad worked for two years as a prostitute at Papler's massage

Belew had joined New Life in November 1991 after answering a classified ad. A retired soldier's daughter, she had no savings and two young daughters from a failed marriage, "I figured I'd stay just a few weeks, loog enough to save some money and get a regular job," she says oow.
"But I started making excuses to myself. The money was too easy." She quit several times, but always returned. Making \$1,500 a week, she was beginning to

build a nest egg.

Most of the men she coupled with were "Screaming Eagle" paratrooper trainees from the 101st Airborne across the highway. But there were familiar faces from around town. Some, Belew says, were prominent citizens. Some, Belew says, were local law officers. .

She started dating Joe Belew, a member of an old family with deep lines into the area's construction and mobile home business. When marriage became a prospect, she worked up the courage to tell him. Joe felt blindsided, but they stayed together.

After their wedding Belew fashioned a new life in Oak

Now there is talk of a recall movement. Her boss put ber on a forced sabbatical, and Belew fears that she will not be allowed back. Still, from the scores of callers who have rung her up late into the night with new tips about town corruption. Belew figures she has

"See?" she said, pointing at a passing car that honked in sup-port as she stopped to chat with Papler near her video store. At a nearby bank branch, teller Christice Neiman hailed Belew and Papier as "good women. There's crooked people in every lown. Sometimes you need people who've seen it close up to stan the ball rolling."

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By BETH BERSELLI

t's the convenience of it that Kurn Wheeler appreciates: no Liong flights to Las Vegas, no expensive hotel stays, no cheesy Elvis impersonators. Instead, the roulene wheel is right there on his computer screen, whenever he cares to place a bet.

Wheeler, 31, of St. Augustine, Fla., said he plays almost every day for two or three hours, his bets flying across the Internet to a computer in Antigua. It contains his account and those of thousands of other gambling enthusiasts, and with some nifty graphics, brings them together in a "virtual casino."

"It's great, I don't have to leave the house," said Wheeler, who used to visit Vegas every few months. "It's very private. There are no distractions, no dirty looks from the casino people if you win. I can just relax and concentrate on what I'm doing."

Despite a host of questions about legality and legitimacy, internet gambling is taking off. It is proba-bly a \$200 million-a-year business now, analysts said, and is poised to become much bigger, likely topping a billion dollars by the turn of

Today, there are about three dozen sites on the World Wide Web where gamblers can bet real money on blackjack, craps and the Boston Celtics, among others. A year ago, barely a virtual bet bad been

Some sites are for real, paying winnings when winnings are due as legitimate casinos do in the real world. Others, some gamblers said, seem to be con operations. Either way, the growth has caught the attention of US senators and state attorneys general, who are determined to beard this lion in its den. They portray online gambling as the latest eyber-bogeyman, citing a huge potential for fraud, abuse and

State prosecutors, notably in Missouri, have filed charges against a number of gambling operations, saying that if people in the state can risk their money through them, they violate state laws against gambling. And now, critics have banded together to introduce a bill in Congress to outlaw Internet

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In 1983, for example, a Salyut 7

fuel and threatening the station. Cosmonauts fixed it in a series of

eight repair spacewalks. In April 1987, when the Kvant laboratory

module failed to dock properly with Mir, a spacewalking cosmonaut risked death by reaching his hand

into a small space between the two

massive craft as they orbited at

17,000 m.p.h, in order to remove

the obstruction - a plastic "baggie,"

apparently left by a careless ground

technician. (This does not include

outright tragedies, such as one in

1971, when a station crew of three

died during descent, when the air

leaked out of their spacecraft.)

These days, the world is paying much closer attention to these

During the Cold War, analysts

note, Soviet space stations were a

small part of a multifaceted mili-

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gambling altogether.

A growing number of gamblers and site operators are voicing dismay, saying Internet gambling is entirely legal and beyond the jurisdiction of the US government. "If Minnesota can make the rules for the entire Internet, what's to stop China or Iraq or some other country?" asked Kerry Rodgers, the owner of Granite Gate Resorts Inc., a Las Vegas firm that tried to

set up a gambling site but was

Motors Corp. - they will be doing available to minors online. Cohen exceptionally well.

Cohen believes in online wagering

so much that he quit a high-paying job on the Pacific Stock Exchange and took a gamble of his own in the far-flung locale of Antigua.

The 29-year-old Cohen started World Sports Exchange last January. Today, the licensed sportsbook operation has about 400 customers. His site, and similar ones, aim to make money the same way

said the ruling was a signal that govemment should keep its "hands off the Internet." Still, he and his peers aren't expecting the government to roll out the red carpet anytime soon.

That's because of people like Sen. Jon Kyl (R-Arizona), who introduced a bill that would update 1960s federal law called the Interstate Wire Act so that it specifically prohibits Internet gambling. The law now makes it



No long flights to Las Vegas, no expensive botel stays, no cheesy Elvis impersonators: Will online gambling render traditional casinos a dinosaur from a bygone era?

stopped by a lawsuit.

Others said Congress should accept Internet gambling and regulate it. "Go ahead, take our tax money," said Jay Cohen, who operates a sports betting site, called World Sports Exchange, out of

Antigua Gambling sites come in two general flavors: those that offer casino games such as blackjack, roulette and craps, and those that take bets on sporting events. The sportsbook sites outoumber the online casinos by about 2 to 1.

Analysts said the industry is nothing if not full of potential, providing a service that people often cannot obtain otherwise in their home states. Even if online entrepreneurs only capture 1 percent of last year's \$550b. national gambling habit - that's more than three times the revenue of General

tary and civilian program that had

a near-spiritual national signifi-

cance and into which the Soviet

government poured resources. If a

problem forced the abandonment

would launch another. Bad news

was either kept secret or given

minimal coverage in the state-

But today, Mir is the irreplace-

able crown jewel of a downsized, cash-strapped Russian program

that is struggling to remain a

world-class player. Americans

have joined the French and other

spacefaring nations who send pay-

ing passengers to Mir. Their grow-

ing linkages to other nations has

forced the Russians to be more

open, exposing themselves to a

technical question," said Marcia Smith of the Congressional

Research Service. "It's become

more a matter of the intangible, the

emotional part, if you will, that is

all wrapped up in national pride.

"Saving Mir is no longer just a

much more aggressive press.

controlled press.

bookies in the real world do: They set odds that they hope will give them an advantage and thus produce a profit.

Cohen said he is mystified at the hullabaloo over Internet gambling. "Why should this be any different than going to Vegas?"he asked. "If anything, we're more responsible. Vegas is all about sucking you in.... We don't pour drinks down people's throats, trying to impair their udgment," He added that his site meludes links to Gamblers Anonymous and is registered with such child-protection services as Net Nanny as a way to ensure that underage gamblers aren't betting.

Cohen said he was encouraged by a recent Supreme Court ruling overturning the Communications Decency Act, a law that provided for criminal penalties for people who make "indecent" material

Some say the pace of the Russians' problems is acceleration, even though the Russian space agency is not trying anything especially innovative. They're doing an job," Oberg s they're just run ragged." And they've never dealt with orbital

hardware nearly as old as the 11year-old central core of Mir. The 1989 civilian and military space budget totaled the ruble equivalent of \$11 billion, the Russians say, but they now are down to less than a third of that. The

distribution of funds is sporadic. Still, many in NASA are looking forward to the chance to absorb some of the bard-won Russian know-bow. Frank Culbertson, NASA's manager of US-Russian joint orbital operations, has said he is pushing for more - not less participation in the repairs by the US astronaut aboard Mir. "If you're working with a partner, he said, "you don't walk away from them just because it gets tough."
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Minnesota's gambling laws.

illegal to use a telephone to assist betting across state lines, Kyl's bill would update the act so that operators of online gambling sites would be punished with fines of up to \$20,000 and prison terms of up to four years, and individual

and six-month prison terms. Virtual casinos make it easier for those with gambling addictions to sink deeper into debt and despair because all they have to do is sit down and log on," said Kyl, chairman of the Senate Indiciary Committee's subcommittee on technology, terrorism and government information.

bettors would face \$2,500 fines

Supporting Kyl are a host of state attorneys general. Their national association has enthusiastically endorsed the legislation, and attorneys general such as Jay Nixon of Missouri and Hubert H. Humphrey III of Minnesota are using the courts to wage their own wars against these supposed cyber-criminals.

"If gambling in general is a dumb bet, then gambling on the Internet is a very dumb bet," Wisconsin Anomey General James Doyle, who Attorneys General, told the subcommittee last month. "The odds can be easily manipulated, and there is no guarantee that fair payouts will occur. To make matters worse, when you experience problems at a gambling Web site, it will be hard to find

your bookie in cyberspace." In 1995, Humphrey took his first swing against online gambling when be sued Granite Gate Resorts after it advertised that it would offer online gambling from the Central American country of Belize. The case, which is now before a state appeals court, alleges consumer fraud, not violations of

Rodgers said the lawsuit is nothing more than a publicity stunt on the part of the attorneys general. "It's just hypocrisy," he said. "These people propose to be con-

ment against litteractive Gaming & Communications Corp. (IGC) and its president, Michael Simone. The Blue Bell, Pa., firm - which is the parent company of Sports International sports book and

cerned about gambling, but you

don't see any of them willing to

give up the \$400b. or so in lottery

The central legal issue with

online gambling is: Just where does

the bet take place? In Minnesota,

where the bettor is, or in Antigua,

where the online service is? If-

someone can fly to the Caribbean

and place a bet, why should a virtu-

al visit be any different? In Attorney

General Nixon's opinion, the law is

clear. Internet gambling is not legal

in the state of Missouri, no matter

where the online bookies are based.

him and returned a criminal indict-

in June, a grand jury agreed with

revenues."

was charged with a felony for setting up a gambling device. Last spring, Nixon's office set up a sting operation that caught Global Casino accepting bets from

Global Casino, both of Grenada -

Missourians. Jeffrey Erb, an IGC spokesman, says the company's Grenadian gambling operations are perfectly legal. He pointed out the company is publicly traded on the OTC Bulletin Board. "We've nothing to

hide." he said. Caribbean officials say their region doesn't deserve its reputation as a place where anything

goes; they regulate. "We treat everybody just the same. If Jesus came down here, we'd still screen him to death," said Gyneth McAllister, who deals with licensing of Internet gambling companies in Antigua and estimates that the government will collect about \$3m. from them in the next few years. She said the services are regulated by Antigua's government to ensure their honesty.

Nevertheless, some customers bave reported problems, Bruno Paniccia, a 25-year-old insuranceclaims evaluator from Southern California, said he learned the hard way that these companies may not be entirely on the up and up. Last April, on the advice of a friend, Paniccia sent \$500 to the Sports International sportsbook operated by IGC. His almost-daily wagers on various baseball games met with great success; within three weeks, his winnings had grown to more than \$1,000. Not wanting to push his luck, he asked the company to

send him his winnings. Paniccia says. Four months later, after numerous conversations with IGC employees. Paniccia still hasn't received his

According to spokesman Erb, the delay was caused by a temporary glitch with the bank the service used. The company has since switched to a system that provides eustomers with offshore debit-card accounts, allowing for easy deposits and withdrawals. Paniccia

will be paid any day now, Erb said. With government intervention looming, some in the gambling industry say they are trying to head it off by regulating themselves. Such groups as the Interactive Gaming Council are developing standards of practice and codes of ethics. They say this approach is

vastly preferable to a ban. (The Washington Post)

## The multicasting call

By SEAN SOMERVILLE

The Media

Smith, the way to use new digital channels was an easy call.

The president of Sinelair Broadcast Group had two choices: Sinclair could spend up to \$300 million to give its 29 stations stunningly clear pictures in anticipa-tion of high-definition television, (HDTV), or it could slice each channel into four or five, increasing revenues by adding viewers, delivering data and selling programming.

The second choice, also known as "multi-casting," was the way to go, Smith said. "My

costs to do HDTV are staggering, and t'm not going to get any more money from the car dealer on the corner because I have a prettier picture." And Sinclair wants

piece of the cable industry's \$30b. a year in revenues from subscription

programming. This will clearly be a great business opportunity," Smith said. Baltimore-based Sinelair announced its decision last week. Experts called it a proclamation of what some broadcasters have been

whispering for months: Mnlticasting beats HDTV any day. If other broadcasters follow suit, the consequences could be huge. Broadcasters could become stronger rivals to cable and satellite TV companies, and the advent of HDTV could be slowed, some

experts say. The key to making HDTV work was having it done by the stations." said Robert McChesney, a journalism professor at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. "Then (TV) set manufacturers would start making the sets. Eventually, prices

would go down," Owners of the nation's roughly 1,600 television stations nationwide are expected to decide this year how to use their new digital channels. The Federal Communications Commission in April said it would award the channels to help stations convert programming from analog to digital signals -- a transition that will take about nine years.

During the transition, they will do so on both analog and digital

The stations also will be required to continue broadcasting their current "free" programming. Network affiliates in the nation's

top 10 markets have to begin digital programming by the end of next year Stations in smaller markets will follow, with stations in the top 30 markets required to make the switch by the end of 1999. When the transition is complete, stations will be required to surrender their analog

channels to the federal government. Critics, including the public interest group Common Cause and Senate Commerce Committee Chairman John McCain, called the FCC's granting of the digital channels a buge giveaway. They said an auction of the airwaves would have drawn \$20b. to \$70b.

Mark Buse, a top McCain aide and policy director for the Senate

BALTIMORE - For David Commerce Committee, said broadcasters said they needed the spectrum for HDTV.

McCain, among others, predicted the stations would use the spectrum instead to make money "Unfortunately, it looks as though that prediction is coming true, spearheaded by Sinclair. Buse

But Sinclair said the required conversion to digital programming will cost millions and that the commercial success of "multicasting" is far from a sure thing. In no way, say Sinclair executives,

are stations required to advance HDTV "In fact, unless I've been in a time warp, we're still in a capi talist society, and how the spectrum will be used is a ousiness issue," said Nat Ostroff, Sinclair's vice-president of new

technology. Sinclair owns or operates 29 television stations and 33

radio stations nationwide and reaches 15 percent of American television households. It also has a pending deal to buy six television stations and 24 radio stations of Heritage Media Group.

The digital spectrum allows the transmission of a single channel with the startlingly clear images on HDTV. The Cadillac of digital programming, HDTV requires television sets that are expected to cost between \$2,000 and \$5,000 when they first appear on the market.

Alternatively, compression of digital signals allows broadcasters to fit three to five channels into its bandwidth of spectrum that now accommodates one - "multi-casting." Consumers would get pictures with quality similar to today's direct-satellite broadcasts. They would pay a onetime fee, perhaps

\$100, for a set-top converter box. The switch to digital programming will carry a cost not only for consumers but also for broadcasters - and an especially high cost for stations that pursue HDTV.

At a minimum, stations must invest in digital transmitting equipment - an investment that Sinclair puts at \$1 m. per station.

On top of that, HDTV will cost

at least \$10m. per station -- 10 times the roughly \$1 m. additional cost per station for multi-casting, Smith said. "Why would I do HDTV when I

can spend \$30m, and become a multichannel enterprise?" he said. He said the excitement about HDTV - the rectangular screen and almost three-dimensional images was driven by the engineering side of the business. But once you get beyond the engineering side, it gets to be the business issue: Where's the money?" Smith said. "What do you push through the pipeline that makes you the most amount of money and provides the most benefit? HDTV doesn't do it."

Patrick Talamantes, Sinclair's director of corporate finance, puts it more simply. "The jokes won't be any funnier in high definition." (The Baltimore Sun)

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## Abolish the religious councils

The refusal of Ministers Eli Suissa and and the religious parties. Zevulun Hammer to carry out a High Court order to confirm the appointment of a Reform Jew to the Netanya Religious Council deals a dangerous blow to the principle of the rule of law in Israel. It also illustrates just one of the reasons why religious councils should be eliminated entirely.

When John F. Kennedy was running for president, many Americans were concerned that the first Catholic president would be beholden to the pope rather than to the American people. Kennedy succeeded in assuring the voters that his oath to the Constitution would, in public matters, stand above even the strongest religious allegiances.

Israel certainly does not share the American tradition of separation of cburch and state. On the contrary, the integration of religion and state in Israel is almost as central to the state's founding as their separation, and the concept of religious freedom, was to America's founding.

As the nation's 50th birthday approaches, the question of wbat it means for Israel to be, according to its Declaration of Independence, a "Jewish state" is far from settled. What it clearly does not mean, bowever, is that Israel should be a theocracy run according to Jewish

Hammer and Suissa have every right to resign from the government; they have no right to allow their personal views - religious or otherwise - to override the rule of law. This should bardly be news to Hammer, who is also Education Minister, and bears even more than the usual burden on a minister to set a personal

Hammer and Suissa could bave approved the appointment of Reform Jew Joyce Brenner to the Netanya Religious Council and immediately introduced legislation that would prohibit such appointments in the future. The ministers' action rather served to increase the conflict between the High Court of Justice and the religious public. By deliberately refusing to follow democratic procedures, the ministers were making a broader statement than the matter of religious councils - they were effectively firing a

Sir, - I was appalled to read

Abba Eban's op-ed piece (August

15.) While it is possible to dis-

agree on the nature of democracy,

Eban misstates facts and distorts

Instead of the US Constitutional

Convention "agonizing years"

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a year and a month after starting.

an elected chief execurive would

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independently elected position.

Generally the parliamentary sys-

tem of choosing the prime minis-

ter exists only where there is a

monarch to check the dictatorial

tendency of systems that combine

the issues.

In this case, the High Court did not bave to go out on a limb to affirm the right of a Reform Jew to sit on a religious council, since the only requirement for membership on a religious council is an "interest" in religious affairs. The claim of the religious parties that the only reason a Reform Jew would want to sit on a religious council is to make a political point can easily be turned back at them. Given that it is acceptable for secular Jews to serve on such councils, the main reason the religious parties have to resist such an appointment is equally

In fact, religious conncils are all about politics. According to a law that should be changed, each regional council is matched by a religious council of equal size, and the head of each council receives the same salary as the mayor of the city. There is no reason wby the work of the religious councils - deciding bow to divvy up the budget for synagogues and other religious services - cannot be done by a department within existing local governments. Instead, a bloated parallel bureaucracy bas developed, costing the taxpayers bundreds of millions of shekels.

The religious councils bave become a bastion of political patronage for two of the religious parties, Shas and the NRP. The law currently provides that 45 percent of the council members are appointed by the Religious Affairs Ministry, 10 percent by the Chief Rabbinate, and 45 percent by the local council. Sbas and the NRP cannot bave it both ways: they cannot dominate bodies that are supposed to be somewhat representative of the local community, and then deny membership to people that the community legitimately appoints.

Leaders from different parts of the political spectrum, such as Likud MK. Meir Sheetrit and United Torah Judaism MK Avraham Ravitz, bave called for eliminating the religious councils outright. The elimination of the councils would, as a happy by-product, solve the problem of their membership. More importantly, it would not only end a tremendous waste of money, but an embarrassment to anyone wbo cares about the face that the religious parties shot in the sharpening battle between the court present to the public at large.

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## Where Barak erred

There is no doubt the tele-vised scenes of sacked employees at the Lahor Party headquarters in Tel Aviv will continue to haunt party chairman Ehud Barak for a long time to come, even though the dismissal letters were later withdrawn, If Barak is Labor's candidate in the next elections for prime minister, the Likud will no doubt make maximum use of the personal slurs burled against him by these people who, until several days ago, were totally devoted to the Labor Party and its leader whoever he may have been,

It is not difficult to sympathize with employees who have just been sacked. When men and women find themselves out of a job after many years of service. they are naturally upset, worried and frustrated. When this happens in a period of rising unemploy-ment, and those being fired are members of an old-fasbioned work force, rapidly becoming obsolete and economically irrelevant, it is not surprising that emotions run even higher than normal, and the atmosphere becomes one of "Let me die with the Philistines.

But there is another side to the story. The Labor Party, like all secular parties in Israel today, is in deep financial straits, and has been for many years. The strict regulations of the Parties Financing Law, make it impossible to continue running these parries as they were in the past sprawling establishments, able to provide thousands of jobs to cronies and apparatchiks of various descriptions. The primaries system and direct election of the prime minister have made the old structures more or less irrelevant.

Labor has the additional prob-

SUSAN HATTIS ROLEF

lem of having to manage without its old milk-cow - the Histadrut which under the leadership of Amir Peretz is trying to cope with its own monumental debts, created in the course of years of grievous financial mismanagement, and turn itself once again into an organization which serves those for whom it was created in the first place - the workers. Peretz bas already made his position

#### Barak sadly lacks the human touch

clear: if he has to choose between loyalty to his party or loyalty to the workers, he opts for the latter. Barak, on the other hand, must have a different order of priorities. If he is to become prime minister in the year 2000 or before. and increase Labor's strength in the 15th Knesset, he must put Labor's house in order. This cannot be done when the Labor Party has NIS 85 million worth of longterm debts hanging around its neck. Under the circumstances, laying off employees, who are no longer relevant - even if through no fault of their own - is unavoid-

Where Barak erred - and there is no question that he bas screwed up royally - is to neglect the buman aspect of the affair. In such circumstances, it is not enough to have a sharp intellect, one must also appear to be a mensch.

Barak sadly lacks the human toucb - the ability to console those in pain, even if be himself

he did not find it in himself to hold the hand of a wounded soldier at Ze'elim, so he did not find it in himself to personally confront the employees he felt oblig-ed to fire at Labor Party head-

In politics it is not enough just to analyze the situation correctly with a cool head and have the courage to do what has to be done. There is also a need for compassion. If it weren't for this lack of compassion - or some psychological block which prevents Barak from demonstrating compassion - no one would have criticized his conduct following the Ze clim tragedy, and the fired employees at 110 Hayarkon Street wouldn't have so eagerly provided the Likud with anti-Barak propaganda for the next election

Barak has a lot to learn from Amir Peretz, who emerged as one of the heroes of the recent fiasco. In the period when he was still head of the Sderot local council (1989-1993), one could not but be impressed with the great efforts he used to invest in talking with the simple folk in his town, familiarizing himself with their personal circumstances and at the same nime trying to get an accurate picture of the public mood. As chairman of the Histadrut he has been responsible for the firing of many hundreds of people, but despite the anger and frustration, bis personal status and authority have not been harmed,

Does Barak have it in him to learn the lesson and start making the necessary adjustments? All those who care about Labor's electoral prospects should pray that he has.

cannot offer the remedy. Just as The writer is a political scientist.

showing toughness, each tries to

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Mideast bargaining session. Only

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oil and gas straight south across Iran to the Persian Gulf. Just last May, indeed. Teheran revived an offer to build a pipeline from the Tengiz oilfield to the deep-sea port of Bandar Abbas on the Gulf. But this option is completely anathema to Washington.

Washington's preferred route involves a big new pipeline through Georgia, then southwest across Turkey to Ceyhan on the Mediterranean, even though this would be an extremely long route crossing several major mountain ranges. Moscow, ohviously, prefers further pipelines across

flict is resolved in 1999 - as higgest pipeline will go.
The US and Turkey still back

recognition of Israel in Arabic encyclopedias], and left space for Israel in one of the 30 volumes of The Globol Arobic

"In this work of 16,000 pages, the place bestowed to Israel has the following lines: 'Israel is a state created on May 14, 1948, pn Arabic-Palestinian soil with the

help of international powers. The population is alien and strangers to the land of Palestine."

**Blood** and oil

**GWYNNE DYER** 

It's been a good menta for peace in the Caucasus, and Lihat means it's been a good month for oil. Indeed, it's the oil that's driving the peacemaking On August 14, Russian Foreign

Minister Yevgeni Promakov per sonally escorted Vladislav Ardzinba, leader of the break away republic of Abkharia, to Tbilisi to sign a 'declaration of peace with Georgia. The declaration neither recognizes the mostly Muslim mini-state's secession from Georgia not allows the return of the 250,000 Georgian relugees who fled Abkhama din ing the independence war of 1992-93, but it forestalls a new round of tighting.

Four days later, in Moscow, President Aslan Maskhadov of Chechnya signed a peace treaty with Russian President Borns Yeltsin, formally ending the war that Yelisin launched in 1994 to crush Chechen independence.

The 1994 ceasefire between Armenia and Azerbaijan is also holding, so the Cancasus is now safe for the large-scale movement of oil. Just in time, as the first oil from the new pil-fields in the Caspian Sea will come ashore in Azerbaijan within a month.

The Caspian and Kazakh basins are going to be the major source of world energy in the 21st century," said an official of the US National Security Connect two years ago. "The reserves are up there with the Persian Gulf."

All the newly oil-rich countries around the Caspian Sea were once part of the Soviet Union, and all existing pipelines run north through Russia. The first of the new offshore oil from Azerbaijan will move through a pipeline that passes through Chechnya to Novorossisk on the Black Sea, and thence by tanker to the rest of the world. (This pipeline was badly damaged in the war in Chechnya, but Moscow promises to have it repaired by October 1

#### The oll drives the peacemaking

Similarly, the first oil from Kazakhstan's Tengiz field is flowing through Russian pipelines to the Black Sea, or else west to Europe via Ukraine and Russia. But this Russian monopoly pleases nobody cise, parily for strategic reasons, but also because Moscow deliberately restricts the oil flowing through its pipelines to ensure that all of

Now, the simplest way to avoid Russia is to send the new Caspian

The best non-Iranian alternative, from the US point of view, would be one or more pipelines to take oil and gas from Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan and Azerbaijan west across the Caucasus region to world markets. But at this point the plot thickens.

Chechnya and Russia to Novorossisk.

The compromise they reached in 1995 was to build a second pipetine straight west across Georgia (the shortest route) to the Georgian port of Supsa on the Black Sea. That one is supposed to be ready by the end of next year. But there remains the question of where the third and

Ceyhan, Moscow wants the third pipeline on Russian soil, but once again would probably settle for running it across Georgia (where there are still Russian troops). That's what Russia's recent burst of peace-making in Chechnya and Abkhazia was reatly about - hut will the peace deals stick?

THERE will be peace in the Caucasus for the moment, and soon the oil will flow. Later on there will be at least one war (an Azeri attempt to retake their lost lands), and maybe another (a Georgian reconquest of Abkhazia), but in neither case would the fighting endanger

existing pipelines. And the third pipeline? That will probably follow the route of the second across Georgia to the Black Sea, as a compromise between the politically fraught Russian route and the very costly Turkish route. But one way or

another, the oil will get out. The writer is a London-based independent journalist.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR I

#### **DEMOCRACY AT WORK**

legislative and executive responsi-

Eban cites the African dictatorships that are based on independent executives, but I can cite the examples of Ghana, Zimbabwe, and others in which parliamentary systems support dictatorships. He iguores [the fact] that the sorry state of Zaire started as a parliamentary system which quickly degenerated into chaos. The real test is: does the system work? And so far it has worked very well in Israel.

It was a forgone conclusion that Eban suggests that there are tainted appointments in this serve with minimum interference hy the legislative branch. All of administration, while ignoring that the American states have chosen most of these charges have been based on unsubstantiated slander.

Eban calls for the MKs to supersede a democratically elected prime minister. But just who did Alex Goldfarb represent when he voted to continue in office the unpopular Rabin government? And while a person of one ethnic background can represent the interests of other people, who do Sofa Landver, or Adisu Massale represent? They represent the lost dreams of the Labor Party. The ethnic groups that were supposed to rally to Labor because of them went elsewhere.

Eban says that there is an "intolerable" number of democratically elected parties in the Knesset. This is according to his undemocratic tastes. I rejoice at the expansion of smaller parties which represent the broad interests of the Israeli people. Their election is a rejection of corruption and lack of representation in the traditional parties.

The present system does have problems. The Knesset should concern itself with legislation, oversight, review of treaties, and budgets, and not be able to interfere with the executive except for criminal impeachment.

PINCHAS RICAHRD **WIMBERLY** 

Jerusalem.

#### **MODEL OF PLURALISTIC EXPRESSION**

Sir, - We are hard-pressed to at the top of their lungs" were rebutting Jonathan Rosenblum's preposterous misrepresentation of Women of the Wall. To begin, WOW (Women of the Wall) prays in keeping with an Orthodox interpretation of halacha, in a prayer group, not a minyan. As halachically observant Jews, we are proud that our meminclude Orthodox, Conservative, Reform and Reconstructionist Jews from the Left and Right, serving as a model of pluralistic spiritual expression, regretably seldom seen today in Israel or elsewhere.

The women Mr. Rosenhinm claims to have seen "leaning... behind the men's section, singing

most certainly not from our group. This is never our practice; Rosh Hodesh Av services - which we attended - were no exception. Perhaps he is unaware that it is a common and unprotested practice for women to lean over the barrier to the men's section, vicariously to participate in bar mitzva celebranons and to hear Torah reading. WOW members have no such need, as our own prayer is lively and sustaining. If the state would only allow us also to read from the Torah scroll, an act not prohibited

the mitzva of 'talmud torah' during our services. Certainly Mr. Rosenblum did

by halacha, we could also fulfill

not intend to insinuate that our intentions - or those of Conservative or other Jewish groups at the Kotel - are comparable to standing "outside syna-gogues on Yom Kippur eating ham

sandwiches," or "Jews for Jesus." We invite Mr. Rosenblum to observe our prayer carefully and to speak with us in order to amend his view. Rather than "in-yourface" behavior, he will find only women who pray with joy, devotion and sensitivity to their sur-

JESSICA BONN and RACHEL

roundings - a pray community guided by yirat shamayim.

## FROM OUR ARCHIVES

60 years ago: On August 26, ments for they were unable to 1937, The Palestine Post reported that of 40,000 German Jews who settled in Palestine by the end of May 1937, no fewer than 30,000 had entered since 1933 without any means of support. They also faced a need for new legal docu-

renew their German passports.

50 years ago: On August 26, 1947, The Palestine Post reported that the three "floating cages" carrying the 4,400 Exodus 1947 "illegal" immigrants to Palestine

were expected in Gibraltar where the mole had been heavily barricaded. Machine-gun posts had been established as strategic points to prevent any contact with the detainces.

Alexander Zvielli

#### Mideast bargaining session avoid a complete breakdown, they are in no hurry to sign a treaty. By

onlookers, Palestinian negonations seem collapsed or deceased. on the brink of massive violence or all-out war. It is easy to forget that this is about the sixth such cycle since the process began four vears ago.

The peace process is alive because it embodies the two sides' intentions, capabilities, disagreements and strategy.

The governments of Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat know that the peace process' failure would spell political disaster for themselves and their countries. Both have promised peace and security to their peoples, and failure to deliver would end their

political careers. Both sides also know that they have no alternative except a return to a bloody conflict they bave aiready endured for decades. In short, the intentions of Netanyahu and Arafat are that the

Neither side is capable of winning - or, at least, unable to afford the very high cost of - a total vic-

peace process survive and eventu-

the Palestinian From Authority's standpoint, no amount of violence can force Israel to withdraw from the West Bank and Gaza Strip or accept a Palestinian state. On the contrary, the PA bas no superpower backer, no reliable Arab state support, no money or army able to fight a war. The PA's territory would be overrun in a few days of war and Arafat forced to flee amid bundreds of thousands of casualties and refugees and economic devastation. For the Palestinians, it would be decades before they got another chance for statehood.

For Israel, retaking the PA-ruled lands is not feasible, but facing far higher levels of terrorist violence is unacceptable. Tremendous domestic opposition would con**BARRY RUBIN** 

front Netanyahu if be took any action likely to trigger a full confrontation. Israel would lose all the gains made in recent years. returning to the old days of siege, boycott and potential attacks from neigbbors. Israelis are well aware that the Palestinians are not going to go away or give up. In short, each side is quite aware

Only when both sides are convinced they have gotten everything possible will Israel and the Palestinians move forward

it cannot impose its preferred solution on the other. The only solution is compromise.

THERE are still wide disagreements - though far narrower than in the past - between Israel and the Palestinians. Arafat wants an independent state in all the West Bank and Gaza, with its capital in East Jerusalem. Netanyahu wants a Palestinian autonomous entity in part of the West Bank and East Jerusalem, with that section of the city remaining under Israeli con-

Mistrust is also a serious factor: Israelis must believe that a change in the status quo will improve their safety and situation from the threat of Palestinian terrorism; Palestinians must believe that Israel is willing to change the status quo. These differences will not be

resolved easily. But eliminating parts of the gap are far easier. Given these realities, Israeli and Palestinian strategy is quite clear. As eager as the two sides are to

#### POSTSCRIPT KEREN HAYESOD'S magazine in Sweden, Menorah, ran this item

recently, sent to us by Heinrich Israel Pollack of Jerusalem: "Saudi Arabia has now paid heed to complaints [of lack of

Encyclopedio.

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Where have all the towering matriarchs gone? Why are contemporary women such fools by comparison? If Erica Jong knows, she isn't telling.

# Fear of failing

By KAREN KARBO

INVENTING MEMORY: A Novel of Mothers and Daughters by Erica Jong. New York. HarperCollins. 305 pp. \$25.

The oil drives !

peacemaking

In Erica Jong's affable new multigenerational novel, Sarah Solomoo Levitsky informs her own girl, Salonie, of the truth about mothers and daughters: Daughters grow up and beat their fists against the breast that suckled them. The more they ching, the more they beau

it's one of live's enduring truibs: Boys alteno sporting events where they brandish handpainted signs that say "Hi, Mom!" while daughters just roll their eyes and despise you.

The satisfying conceit of Inventing Memory is that the novel is a compilation of diary entries, letters, newspaper articles and oral history transcriptions assembled by the youngest female Levitsky, a historian named Sara, who discovers the women in her family through a hove of documents stashed in a vault in New York.

The mairiaten. Sara's great grandinother, is Sarah Solomon who gains passage to America in 1905 only because her twin brother, who has already bought the precious steamer ticket is murdereo oy Cossacks before he can ger away. On the journey to Eilis Island. Sarah fajis in love with an asthmatic upper-riass WASF. Sim Coppley, who has developed a rascination with 'the Hebrews.'

Their shipboard romance initially goes nownere, and after Sarah arrives in New York she's absorbed into life on the Lower East Side. where Lev Levilsky hires her as a 'gnosi painter" ai nis art studio. Over time, though, she becomes reacquainted with Simi who arranges for Sarah to paint portraits of the aristocratic set. Sarah moves between Levitsky, her mentor, and Sim, her lover - between the anarchists and high society.

This is rich material, brimming with trenchant observations about the eternal man-woman thing.

The eight-page **New York Times** Weekly Review including US and world news and views, business, arts and crossword distributed free with THE JERUSALEM every Monday

There are also some luscious secondary characters, like the Irish picture fakers Filet and Cooney, who insist on pronouncing their names as if they were French.

if THERE is a disappointment in Inventing Memory it is that each subsequent generation of Levitsky women is iess and less vital; they are like faces of faxes of faxes. Sarah's daughter, Salome, a Happer wine makes the pligrimage to Paris in the late Twenties to become an avant-garde writer has intermittent bouts of genius and chutzpain, and her daughter the ethereal Sally Sky.

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whom we're meani to chivision as a Sixues female rock look is tresoinie in a way that is depressingly familiar The historian Same may have innerited some of the metile of her namesake, out her story is just beginning when the book ends.

In fairness to Jong, this may be exactly her point. Our grandmothers and great-grandmothers, unliberated women whose lives were

fashioned by years of compromise, nevertheless possessed an unremitting toughness and verve that too many of us seem to tack. Sarah Solomon, who through the course of the oovel grows very old and

very rich, articulates the problem: "Nothing's too good for them. interest raies they worry about - and cievelopment deals and final cut. They collect first coltions, Georgian stiver, pole ponies, contemporary art They accumulate heavy things that cannot be moved in a pogram. This is a measure of now secure they feet. They do not expect that the Jews will be napped in Benedica Canyon as in the Warsaw ghesto.... They are complacent, their troubles are psychological."

Where have all the towering matriarchs gone? Why are contemporary women such fools by comparison? If Jong knows, she isn't telling. Bot she has some advice, delivered in the form of another letter, this one from Salome to her own daughter, the drippy Sally: "If you are ever in a bad momeot in your life and you feel that you cannot go on, remember that you are the daughter of a woman who was the claughter of a woman who believed that spength came from accepting the contradictions of life rainer than pretending life had ne convaoictions."

Not an answer, but a bit of Most's advice is often just as (Ivew York Times)

Karen Karbo's must recent book is a memoir, Big Girl in the Middle. written with Gabrielle

# US students warned of rape-drug threat

mid an alarming rise in the use of so-called "rape Adrugs," Attorney General Janet Reno receotly helpeo launch a national effort to warn college studeots of the dangers of two powerful substances that sexual predators use to knock out victims before attacking

Appearing at the Santa Monica Rape Treatment Center in California, Reno outlined a campaign to flood college campuses with posters and other written information explaining the dangers of the drugs - Rohyppol and GHB - and to air public service announcements on NBC this fail.

A few years ugo the drugs were practically unknown, Now, about seven women a month report to the Saula Monica center atone that they have been drugged and sexually assaulted, said Gail Abarbane), the center's director.

The spread of the rape drugs, Reco said, reverses the trauma most rape victims suffer. Often, they are unable to forget bow they suffered at the hands of a rapist. In rape drug cases, they are unable to remember.

"It's time for everyone in America to wake up to the threat," Reno said.

Reno's appearance underscored the breadth of a problem that is frustrating police, hospitals and rape victims. The two drugs both odorless, nearly tasteless and potentially lethal - have become

worry about a victim's screams attracting attention." Just as the drugs immobilize rape victims, they also teno to paralyze unventigations of sex crimes. Often. victims who have been knocked out with rape orugs wake up unsure of what happened. They may distaiss the assault without reporting it.

"These drugs make it very easy for rapists to commit their crimes. The rapist doesn't have to use physical force."

fixings at parties and clubs in recent years. But many investigalors and laboratories still are struggling to understand, trace, and prosecute crimes involving theu

These drugs make it very easy for rapists to commit their crimes," Abarbanel said. "The rapist doesn't have to use physical force. He doesn't have to use restraints. He doesn't even have to threaten harm to subdue the victim, and he doesn't have to

Rainer man nestime. "Icitois masi repon the entire and seek medical deaunch, ilumediately. Aparbanci saio. Occause the drugs alli leave the system within hours. Even then, victims may wind up dealing with doctors or investigators unfamiliar with the drugs.

As part of the campaign launched by Reno, the rape treatment center is distributing posters, fliers, even bookmarks to colleges in 32 states in time for fall semester. That material offers tips on how to avoid being druggedand how to respond if a sexual assault is suspected.

But for women like Leilani, 20. it is atteauy too late. As a sophomore returning to a local college last tall. Leilani was invited to a fraictiui) pariy -- a place where she hoped to caten up with triends after naving spent the summer at home. Not long after she arrived, a young man offered her a drink. She drank it - and blanked out alinosi instantly.

When she awoke, it was morning. Her pants were unzipped. She had been sexually assaulted. She teported the critic immediately, Die noveralej hertallgatora did noi collect physical evidence. Her case was nevel prosecuted.

Askeo whether the new campaign would affect college students, Leilani said, "I don't know it I would've paid anention. But seeing something like that would have helped me know where to gofor treatment." She added that she believes the drugs are "prevalent" on college campuses. "I know it's out there," she said. "I know it's a danger."

# Not Private Benjamin

Tulia Beltikova will make history twice this month at Virginia Military Institute. Besides being one of the 32 freshman women whose enrollment at VMI will end the college's 158-year male-only policy, she will also be the school's first Russian student.

After spending six months as an exchange student at Bishop O'Connell High School in Arlington last year, she returned to her hometown of Krasnodar, a Russian city of 650,000 people, where she lived in a one-bedroom apartment with her parents and two brothers. In the spring, she took English and French courses at Kuban State

Then she got an eye-popping leater from VMI: an other of a full academic scholarship plus alumni assistance for travel between Lexington and Krasnodar. "I was

so happy, so happy, she said. After attending the American high school, Belükova, 18, realized that attending college in America was an impossible dream, given her family's armual income of \$2,500. But VMI. which had obtained her name and address because she once expressed interest in attending a military college or an English scam invited has to apply, in a cotet it November 30 site dio. it April, a second letter arrived, wingratulating her ou ner "appoint-

ment to the Institute." Her appointment once had been just as unimaginable for VMI as for Beltikova. In 1990, the Justice Department sued VMI, challenging its all-male admission policy. For six years, the military school fiercely resisted coeducation, claiming that the presence of women would fundamentally change VMI's character of harsh discipline and spartan living conditions. But in June 1996, the U.S. Supreme Court ruleo that the school's admission policy was unconstitutionai.

Beitikova will be one of two foreign women at the school; the other student is from Taiwan. "She was an outstanding appli-cant." saio Col. N. Michael Bissell, who has directed the school's preparations for accommodating women. "I told her that she has a big role to be the recruiter for Russia so we can continue this lineage and get more people to come nere."



Jen Jolin (center), one of 32 females enrolled at the Virginia Military Institute, is yelled at by a cadet during the school's "rat line" training. This year marked the end of the college's 158-year male-only policy.

Beltikova intends to major in international relations, and she says she would like to work as a scientific translator after graduation - the career she was pursuing at Kuban State. Like many of the incoming women. Behikova is

reluctant to discuss the Rat Line -VMI's tough physical and emotional testing of its freshmen fearing that comments she makes will draw the attention of upper-

something very interesting," she said. "I know it's going to be difficult but I will try."

Similarly, she dismisses queries about buzz-cutting her fine blonde classmen who enforce the line. hair on the day she enrolls. "It will "I'ms is a new experience and it's grow again she said.

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On Friday, RJR Chairman Steven

Goldstone said during a deposition

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after Philip Morris chairman Geoffrey Bible said nicotine is a

drug and that thousands of

Americans "might have" died from

Tobacco industry analysis and

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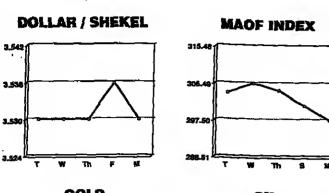
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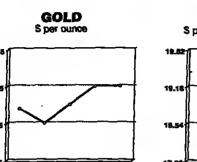
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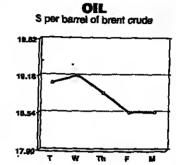
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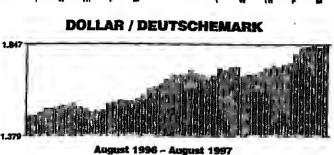
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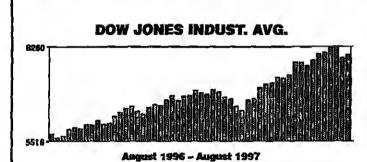
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#### **KLA-Tencor to expand Israel**

KLA-Tencor Corp. will expand its activities in Israel, hiring another 1,200 square meters to its Migdal Ha'Emek factory. KLA-Tencor management and process monitoring systems are used in the manufacture of semiconductors.

The company's local subsidiary currently employs 130 people. Jennifer Friedlin

## Bank of Israel raises rates by 0.7%

#### By FELICE MARANZ

The Bank of Israel announced yesterday it will raise interest rates by 0.7 percentage point to 13.4 percent, effective Thursday. It was the first time in 14 months the central bank lifted the rate at which it lends to

The increase was above expectations and is likely to prompt declining share prices, said analysts, who expected the central bank to lift rates by 0.3 percentage point.

"It was a bad decision - what's changed bere in two months? There's no justification for lowering rates 1.2 percentage points and theo raising them 0.7 percentage point two months later," said Zvi Hoffman, manager of mutual funds at Meitav Ltd., a Tel Aviv investment firm. The stock mar- 10.5%, higher than the government's target ket will drop tomorrow."

The Bank of Israel cut its benchmark interest rate 1.2 percentage points to 12.7 in June, after the government announced economic plans including a wider trading

range for the shekel and a budget cut.
The Tel Aviv Stock Exchange's Maof Index of 25 issues closed down 1.18% at 297.43 points before the central bank announced the new interest rates.

The decision to raise rates came amid figures pointing to an increase in ioflation, the central bank said in a statement, including increases in recent months and in expectaoons for the future."

July's consumer price index increase of 1% brought annual projected inflation to

of 7-10% for the year. And Israel's money supply rose 5.4 percent in July from June. its biggest increase in three years.

At the same time, growing unemploy-ment and a slowdown in the economy had led to expectations the central bank would not raise rates as much as it said it will. The central bank acknowledged slower

growth in its statement, saying it "enables the Bank of Israel to act to achieve the inflation goal with lower interest rates than those required given the amount of demand io the economy.

The rate of unemployment rose to 7.6% in the second quarter, the highest rate in three years, while gross domestic product in the second quarter grew at an annual rate

of 1.6%, lagging behind the government's recently reduced forecast

Last month, the Finance Ministry cut the country's projected growth in 1997 to 2.5% from an earlier estimate of 4%.

Higher rates hurt companies, which pay more for expansion, cutting into profits, Higher rates also tend to attract investors out of equities and into fixed-income investments and bank deposits.

That can boost demand for the shekel and strengthen the currency against foreign currencies. This in turn can can hurt exponers because their products become more expensive overseas, as they pay expenses in shekels and carn revenue in weaker foreign currency.

2nd quarter

housing

starts

down 21%

By JENNIFER FRIEDLIN The number of housing starts dropped by 21 percent during the first half of the year in comparison with last year's second half, the Central Bureau of Statistics report-

In all, the January-June period saw 22,270 housing starts as opposed to 28,350 during the previous half, and 24,520 during the

In recent months developers,

economists and contractors have been debating the depth of the slowdown in the real-estate market. Analysts said that yesterday's data leave unanswered the question of whether the market, which boomed during the decade's fist half in response to the mass immigration from the former Soviet Union, has has already bottomed out.

"The government gave more money to building in the public sector in the second quarter of this year compared to last year," said

Neumann. In the April-June period. the number of housing starts rose to 11,600 from 10,670 in the same

In the first six months of the year,

housing starts dropped by 9% to

22,270, compared to 24,520 in the

same six-month period last year.

In the second half of 1996, hous-

In the January-to-June period, the private sector began building 14,720 new homes, while the pub-

period last year.

the CBS reported.

June 1996.

ing starts totalled 28,350.

lic sector started 7,550 units. In the first six months of the year, 28.490 new housing units - 17,270

in the private and 11,220 in the

public sector - were completed. At

the end of June, 88,700 housing

units - 52,400 private and 36,300

public - were under construction,

first six months of 1996.

ed vesterday.

(Bloomberg)

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#### Talk of the trade

Two traders have a discussion at the Frankfurt bourse yesterday, the 30-share DAX index ended the session down 14.22 points at 4,079.21 points after the market tried to rally following Friday's nearly four percent drop.

## Florida settles tobacco lawsuit for \$11.3b.

WEST PALM BEACH, Florida (Bloomberg) - The US tobacco industry will pay the state of Florida \$11.3 billion to settle a lawsuit seeking to recover money spent on . treating sick smokers, the state said

The industry will be required to pay \$200 million of the settlement by September 15 for an anti-smoking campaign, and \$1 billion within the first year of the agreement, the state said. Top tobacco executives gave depositions in Florida's law-

The settlement of the Florida case gives the industry more time to win Congressional approval of its \$368.5 billion national settlement of litigation brought by states and smokers. Texas's lawsuit against the industry is scheduled to begin in late September, followed by Minnesota's lawsuit in January.

"Without question, it makes a oational settlement easier," said

suit against the industry last Thursday and Friday.

tobacco industry analyst David

Adelman of Morgan Stanley Dean Witter Discover. Florida Gov. Lawton Chiles announced the agreement in state circuit court in West Palm Beach yesterday morn-

President Bill Clinton is reviewing the national pact, and is expect-ed to issue his opinion of it in September. His support is seen as crucial to gaining the support of Congressional Democrats, Florida is the second state to settle with the industry, joining Mississippi, which

in July announced it will receive about \$3.6 billion.

Both state settlements would be superseded by the proposed national agreement, which addresses not only state accons, but individual lawsuits as well. It includes marketing restrictions and stipulations for federal regulation of the industry.

Morgan Stanley's Adelman said the industry may use the Florida and Mississippi settlements as leverage against making further concessions on the national agree-

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"The anxiety level should come down as the industry settles these high-risk cases," he said. "If I were an anti-tobacco lawmaker in another state, I wouldn't want the industry to be settling these cases. I would want their feet to be held to

the fire, and I would want them to

As part of the Florida pact, the industry will concede that nicotine is addictive and that cigarettes kill, the state said. The agreement will also require the industry to remove Anmediately any cigarette bill-boards within 1,000 feet of schools and to remove other cigarette billboards "within the next few

months." The industry also promised to remove cigarette vending machines from any place accessible to children and will take down tobacco advertising in sporting arenas and

on public buses and trains. Florida is seeking \$12.3 billion in its lawsuit. Industry spokesmen could not be reached for comment. The shares of New York-based RJR, which makes Camel and Winston cigarettes, were unchanged Friday at 35 5/16 in New York. Philip Morris shares fell 7/16 to 44 5/16.

The Florida agreement, which was first reported by the Palm Beach Post this morning, comes after the chairmen of RJR Nabisco Holdings Corp. and Philip Morris Cos. last week conceded that smoking may have caused deadly diseases such as cancer. They made those statements during depositions in the Florida lawsuit.

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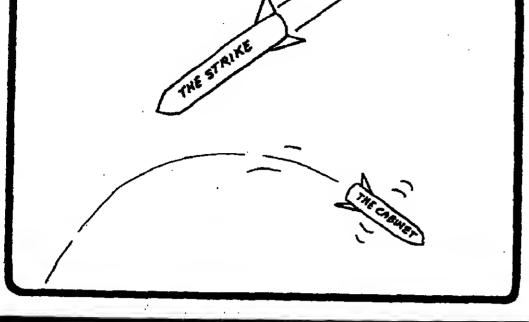
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Computers Group, and allows catheterization wards to manage all administrative functions, including scheduling appointments and handling data. The software system also enables the hospital to produce various statistical reports that can be used for research purposes.

Microsoft adopts Ephyx's technology: Microsoft has adopted Ephyx's hyperlinked video technology to be used as part of Microsoft NetShow. The technolit aims to provide better support ogy will provide Microsoft with through a direct link with its the ability to create links inside a

video, which allow a viewer to interact with the information on the screen. For example, a Ephyx's V-Active allows a viewer of a video sequence about surf-ing to get additional information

about surfboards hy clicking on

the surfboard image in the video.

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Novell to buy Israeli technologies: During a recent visit to Israel, Novell's South European vicepresident announced that the company intends to purchase cuttingedge Israeli technologies in the telecommunications and Internet fields. Novell Israel recently announced the establishment of a technological center that will be comprised of a number of Israel's leading computer and telecommunications companies.

Shaked develops bovine monitoring system: Shaked Wireless Control is developing a bovine monitoring system designed to prevent the theft or escape of dairy cows. The system sends out warning signals upon intrusion or escape and it can also monitor the particular habits of each cow in the herd. Shaked is also developing monitoring systems for high-risk populations including babies and the elderly.

SMART SHOPPING

## Leaders of the packs

It's back to school, and students are scrambling to be seen in the market's coolest knapsacks

By RACHEL NEWAN

You see them every September, Children, laden down like pack mules with their spanking new knapsacks, following the trail to school. And while parents may actually be coucerned with their child's education, children are far more worried on that first day with how cool

Backpack style changes according to the age of the school-yard set. The rule of thumb is that younger kids want product-licensed characters from TV or the movies: preadolescent girls want sets, meaning matching backpack, notebooks and pens; and teenagers want cool brand names like trendy Kipling, or rough and ready Jansport, depending on the image

they re trying to convey.

This year Dutch company
Kipling set the standard with bright colored bags in all shapes in sizes, fabricated from washable crinkle nylon. Despite the unstructured appearance, some Kipling packs are outfitted with back supports. The ergonomic model, which is engineered with the human body in mind, is priced at NIS 369, while another model, with a padded, rigid back, costs NIS 349. Bot since the main attraction to Kipling is the name itself, teens may be satisfied sporting a purse-sized baby backpack for accessories - Kipling logo displayed prominently - while carrying their books in their arms, à la Beverly Hills 90210.

Local company Gal Ram bas made good use of the crinkle, stone-washed nylon craze m producing its Bag & Best and Freedom lines, which feature solid designs and sturdy zippers in 12 colors. The prices are reasonable, at NIS 119-NIS 149, and the resemblance to Kipling is unmistakable, which means hyper-fashion-conscious teenagers can expect an argument from their parents, who will undouhtedly be leaning toward the lower-priced

It seems like everyone wants to get in on the pack act. Flic, famous for its polypropylene folders and cases, has supplemented its kid and teen lines with stylish backpacks. These include Flie's humorous Froggy line, the bright yellow Cheez line, the rainbow-hued Colors line and the more

lines. All sets include matching ootebooks, pencil box, loose-leaf hinders and a mini-picture album. Lured by the NIS 120 million a year back-to-school market, the

Hamashhir department store decided to enter in a hig way, offering a vast range of supplies, including backpacks (some with orthopedic support). The store has local brand names such as Modan and Kal-bag, and not so well-known brands such as fashioo-oriented Taz, whose hags range in design from plaids to jeans to fluorescents, priced at NIS 99-NIS 189.

Hamashhir head of marketing Meira Gazit says the store chose to focus on school bags due to their "transformation into a fashion accessory, which takes direction from other fashion accessories."

In line with this philosophy, Hamashbir has also stocked no on those garments deemed an absolute must by the underaged: overalls, jeans, T-shirts, sunglasses, bandannas, etc.

Bot fashion, of course, shouldn't be the only consideration. Health experts recommend carrying heavy school books in a backpack, not in a bag slung over one shoulder, to prevent twisting or uneven pressure on growing spines. Shoulder-strap bookbags weigh down one side of the body, pulling the spine to one side, and in worst case scenarios, cause a structural imbalance by making one shoulder higher than the other.

A properly carried backpack is fitted to the back and balanced to the body's center of gravity. Kids should be instructed on how to arrange items evenly inside the pack, as proper weight distribution lessens back strain. They should also tighten straps. A heavy backpack that hangs too low can injure the lower back by increasing the curvature of the lumbar region.

This year, orthopedic is the watchword for Israel's knapsack market. Kal-bag, which special-izes in orthopedic support packs, has decided to focus on the primary school market, offering bags emblazoned with 101 Dalmations, Hercules, Minnie Mouse and other Disney characters, and are priced at NIS 150-NIS 180. Sutched inside the back of the bag are flexihle aluminum supports, a method approved by the Standards Institution of Israel. Tikel of Moshav Nehalim both

imports and manufactures orthopedic-support backpacks, featuring interactive cartoon hero Hugo or Barbie. For the older set, Tinkel offers Kiplingesque crinkle fabric or faux leather. Tikel bags are priced between NIS 70 and

Modan has licensed the Superman image for use on backpacks that are part of a product line called Lalechet Im Gav Zakuf (walk with a straight back). The company says this patented orthopedic line was developed over a six year period, from a \$9m. investment. Earlier this summer the company announced it would be exporting \$200,000 in Gav Zakuf bags to Sonth Africa.

Modan says the Gav Zakuf backpack ensures an even distribution of weight along the length and breadth of the back. The rear of the pack is made of four lavers of fabric without internal metal supports, which Modan claims eventually bend out of shape and lose their orthopedic qualities. The straps are positioned low, which Modan says helps take pressure off the neck and also helps in weight distribution. The Gav Zakuf line has been approved by the Standards Institution of Israel in regard to waterproofing, color resistance, stitching quality and shoulder-strap quality, and is rec-ommended by the Israel

Chiropractors Association. For kids up to five years of age, Modan offers the non-orthopedic Inbarim line, emblazoned with Superman, Batman, Barbie, Loony Tunes characters and others. The inside is divided into two sections, with ontside pockets specially fitted for half-liter water bottles. This series can be carried both on the shoulders or with one hand, using the handle.

Modan has also used orthopedic technology in the Dynamie line, which is geared toward the slightly older, bicycle-riding set, and is outfitted with an internal aluminum support. The main advantage of the pack's rigid back is that there are few points of contact with the back. It touches mainly the hips, freeing up the spine and shoulders for maximum ventilation. The back-pack is priced at NIS 279.99, and there's also a matching hip-pack, priced at NIS 229.99, designed to carry two bottles of water and

In the face of heavy competition from South Africa, Israeli ostrich producers have earned a worldwide reputation for high quality products By NICKY BLACKBURN ket, Zemach focused on two areas: s popular legend would

Israel's ostrich industry was a cloak-and-dagger-style operation which even the Mossad would have been proud of. In 1982, so the story goes, a Dutch-Israeli made the trip to South Africa, the largest ostrich produc-er in the world, bought some eggs and furtively smuggled them back into Israel. In due time, the eggs hatched, and lo, a new industry

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The real story, however, is sadly a little more dull. True, the industry was founded when an Israeli brought back eggs from South Africa, but there was nothing illegal about the transaction.

was born.

Fabricated though the story is, like all myths, it imparts an important message; a potent mixture of Israeli chutzpa and initiative helped found what has, within a very short time, turned into a high-

ly successful industry. In less than 15 years, Israel has become the world's second largest producer of ostriches after South Africa and a leading pioneer in the field. Admittedly, compared to South Africa, which slaughters 200,000 ostriches a year for skins and meat, Israel, which killed just 14,000 in 1996, doesn't seem like much. But Israel only began slaughtering hirds in 1991, having built up its industry knowledge and experience in just five years.

At present there are only two Israeli companies selling ostrich meat and skin commercially on the international market. These are Os.Co., the Israel Ostrich Company Ltd., a vertically integrated outfit in Ofakim and Zemach Ostriches Ltd., a collective on the shores of the Sea of the Galilee. Zemach is the largest producer of ostriches in Israel today. There are a few other ostrich farms in the south of the country, but these will only begin slaughtering and selling ostrich products in the next few years.

Os.Co., the recipient of those South African eggs, was the first company to begin farming ostriches. For the first 10 years, however, It only sold eggs, chicks and breeding stock to zoos or other farms.

In 1984, Kihbutz Haon bought some chicks from Os.Co. and set ud an Ostrich farm as a tourist attractioo. Owners soon recognized the husiness poteotial and two years later Haon approached nine other kibbntzim io the area, and together they set up a new company, Zemach.

"Our first target was to develop the farm's infrastructure, but we didn't want to concentrate only on skins, which were the mainstay of the industry. We wanted to look at eggs and meat as well," says Yaakov Or, director of Zemach Ostriches, whose office is filled with ostrich mementos such as painted eggs, posters and even a miniature model ostrich.

At that time there was little information available on ostrich farming, and none was applicable to Israel. There was also, initially, no possibility of cooperation with South Africa. "Later on, when things opened up, we found South Africa couldn't help us anyway," says Or. They farm extensively, not intensively like us, and condi-tions are totally different. In South Africa everything is based on cheap labor. We don't have that advantage."

The first department set up hy Zemach was in R&D. To help it along, Israel's Office of the Chief Scientist donated mooey for research at Israeli universities. This was oot a success, however, and when the money ran out, Zemach still had a long way to go. "We hardly achieved anything from this work because everything was so new that scientists were working in the

The only answer was trial and error. "We taught ourselves stage hy stage," says Or. It was a laborious and difficult process. There are many periods when ostriches. which eveo in the wild have difficulty raising chicks to adulthood, are particularly vulnerable. For example, when the farm first opened, only 60 percent of fertile eggs survived. Today 80% survive. Another dangerous period is during the first two months, when whole farms can be wiped out. For the first three or four years we lost about 60% of our chicks in this period. Today it's

dark," says Or.

only 15%," says Or. One way Zemach has dealt with these problems is by computerization of the breeding facility. Today every egg and ehick that hatches is labeled with a bar code so that employees have instant information on parentage and breeding performance. This way we can choose the best breeding stock for the future," says Or. Today Zemach, which is the only ostrich farm in the world to use this system, has one of the highest global fertility rates.

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Holding their heads high

in high fashion by design houses such as Hermes, Gucci and Christian Dior, Ostrich skin products fetch high prices. A small handbag, for example, will cost over \$4,000. Since there are no companies in

lucrative market. Between 68%-

70% of a hird's total income

comes from its skin, which is used

Israel that tan exotic skins, Zemach tried for some years to do it by itself. The experiments were a complete failure. As a result, in 1991, the year the

company first began exporting abroad, Zemach signed an agreement with French company Gordon Choisy, a world leader in the tanning of exotic skins. Today Zemach sends its skins to France where they are tanned and then distributed around the world by Gordon Choisy under Zemach's brand name.

In the field of meat, however,

In exploring the potential mar-high. Each Israeli hird hrmgs in a net income of between \$620-650, . \$230 for meat and \$400 for skin. In South Africa each bird brings in only about \$300.

There are no guarantees, however. Ostrich skin may have been a mainstay of the high fashion industry for 40 years, but fashion is unpredictable and things change. "It's difficult to forecast what the market will be or how many skins it can use in future," admits Or. "It's guess work basically."

Etan Hillman, general manager of Os.Co., agrees. "One of the big questions we have to ask ourselves what will happen if skin prices fail. Maybe rich people won't huy it anymore, because it'll lose its suob value. Should we lose this market for the middle-class sec-

Most industry experts believe, however, that meat prices and demand will remain steady. Aside from some 20 restau-

rants across Israel that offer ostrich meat on their menus, all the meat and skin produced io

ergy to cooperation." Our competition is overseas not here." adds Ör.

Despite all this optimism, there are problems. "South Africa has learned a lot from us," says Or glumly. This worries us but we're making an effort to improve ourselves. For 100 years South Africa didn't develop its meat production, now it's using our categories and cuts. At the same time though, we're introducing the next generation. We plan to always stay one step ahead."

"We're the tail that wags the dog," says Hillman. Today our meat commands better prices on the European market than South African meat, but we have to find our own niches hy giving customers the right service, packag-

ing and sizing, as well as quality."
We are still small compared to South Africa but with our knowledge we can compete," adds Or. "There are two different ways of developing. South Africa huilds with cheap labor, we do it through



the industry. For years, South Africa considered ostrich meat merely a hy-product of the skins and sold it off cheaply. Israeli researchers discovered, however, that unlike red meat, which ostrich meat closely resembles in taste and texture, ostrich is extremely low in fat and cholesterol, two very important elements for

today's health-conscious West. In a 75-gram serving, for instance, ostrich cootaios 97 calories, 2 g. of fat, and 58 mg. of cholesterol; roast chicken contains 140 calories, 3 g. of fat, and 73 mg. of cholesterol; while beef steak contains 240 calories, 15 g. of fat, and 77 mg. of cholesterol.

"Our discovery changed everything. People in the husiness started to regard the meat as a quality product," says Or.

When sales started in 1991, the company hegan offering customers a range of meat categories and cuts similar to that in the beef market. They called it the meat of the 21st century and to tempt wary pallets, Zemach employed chefs to create new ostrich recipes. Today, the company is working on an ostrich recipe book to be pub-

lished in several languages. Demand grew quickly, particularly in Europe where Israel has now cornered 17% of the ostrich meat market. One of the higgest pushes came with the Mad Cow disease scare, wheo some British beef was found to be the cause of a killer disease.

"Israeli ostrich meat has become very famous," says Or. "It leads the market in terms of quality. Demand is high, almost unlimited.

It's only a matter of price."
Initially Zemach, which now employs 50 people, slaughtered only 10-20 birds a week. By 1996 this figure rose to 8,500 birds a year bringing in sales of \$6 million. This year, Zemach will sell about 11,000 slaughtered birds, and see an estimated \$8m. in sales. In the meantime, Os.Co., which

began slaughteriog ostriches a vear or so after Zemach, and followed a similar research process. expects to slaughter 6,000 hirds this year. By next year, the figure should rise another 2,000-4,000 as a result of an expansion plan oow in place.

Next year, Or - who is also chairman of the Israeli Ostrich Producers Association and vicepresident of the International Ostrich Association - predicts that the combined total of the two companies will be about 20,000-22,000. While hy 1999, wheo other ostrich farms start producing, the total figure for Israel will be around 40,000-50,000.

Ostrich prices, particularly for those raised in Israel, are presently Israel is for export. The price is better ahroad and ostrich isn't Kashrut so we didn't want to fight with anyone," says Or.

Today the main markets for Israeli meat are France, Italy, Spain and Switzerland. For skin, the most important market is the Far East, where quality is io demand. Other significant markets are Europe and the United

There are many plans afoot to iocrease Israel's share of the world market. Os.Co. and Zemach are now planning to begin marketing their ostrich meat abroad under one hrand name. Zemach-Os.Co., and other Israeli farms may join in, once they start producing. Much of the slaughtering and packing of meat is likely to be done at Zemach, which opens a state-of-the-art slaughter house in September.

"It's important to cooperate in marketing abroad," says Hillman.
"Being such a small country means that one person's problem sooo becomes someone else's. Viruses spread quickly. We've all worked on our own ideas and carried out our own research, but we share information. There's a syn-

improved knowledge. With chear labor you can't implement knowledge. When you have expensive, educated people you achieve a lot. It gives you an advantage."

The proof of this lies in the steady stream of visitors who come to Israel to see for themselves how the industry has developed. "They come to see the Israeli miracle," explains Or.

Miracle is perhaps too strong a word, but to understand what makes Israel's achievement so unusual, one only has to look at what happened in the US. In 1992-3, a period during which the world ostrich market began to boom, US farmers decided to develop their own industry. Some 20,000 fertile eggs were sent there from Israel, but the experiment failed dismally. They didn't find their way," says Or. "Expectatioos were too high. In the marketplace they are very poor."

So what makes Israel different? "Israeli farmers are educated and they invest in a lot of research. It's the most important part of their work. You can see it in all forms of Israeli agriculture - in dairy, in technology - Israel leads the world."

THE CONFERENCE CIRCUIT ♦ === By GREER FAY CASHMAN

28.8 Dr. Oma Berry, chief scientist at the

Ministry for Industry and Trade, will participate in the Israel Venture Associatioo's conference on Technological Trends and Developments Toward the Year 2000. The conference will take place at the Sheraton Hotel. Tel Aviv.

9.9 The Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs has organized a meeting at the Hyatt Hotel, Jerusalem, with representatives of the Treasury, the Ministry of Industry and Trade, the Histadrut, employers associations and academics in an attempt to come up with a formula to reduce unemployment. Labor and Social Affairs Minister Eli Yishai, who will participate in the meeting, hopes to be able to subsequently present the government with operative solutions that can be quickly implemented.

9.9 An Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders in Bank Igud will be held at the bank's registered office, 6-8 Ahuzat Bayit Street, Tel Aviv, to make decisions on Council.

recvaluating shares and amending the bank's articles of association. Other business at the meeting will include extending the contract of the general manager and amending the salary of the chairman of the board.

22.9 The Dan Hotel, Tel Aviv, is the venue for a symposium on the Revolution in Electronic Communications in Israel. Based on the report of the Peled Committee, the symposium will examine such topics as whether the new Communications Authority is a threat or a promise, expectations from openskies communications, and where the communications revolution is heading. Speakers will include communications, advertising and legal experts from television, radio, academia and the civil service. Among them will be Communications Minister Limor Livnat Yair Stem, head of Israel Television; Uzi Peled, managing director of Telad, Nahman Shai, managing director of Channel 2 and Yossi Peled, chairman of the Peled committee and former chairman of the Channel 2 Television and Radio Authority

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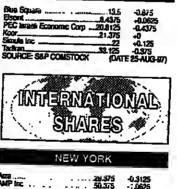
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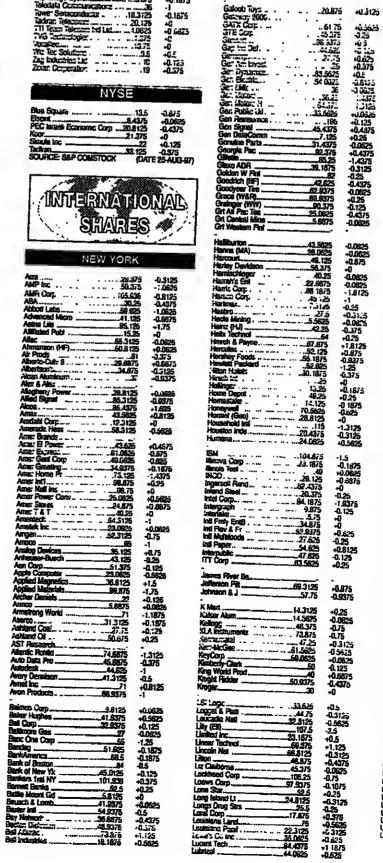
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## Tel Aviv shares drop on rate fears

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Middle East

Tel Aviv stocks closed down for a third day in anticipation of the Bank of Israel's decision to raise interest rates for the month of September. The central bank met the market's expectations when it said, shortly after trading closed, that it will raise the rate at which it lends to banks a higher-thanexpected 0.7 percentage points to 13.4 percent.

"The stock market will drop tomorrow," said Zvi Hoffman, manager of mutual funds at Meitav Ltd., a Tel Aviv investment firm. "It was a bad decision. What's changed here in two months? There's no justification for lowering rates 1.2 percentage points and then raising them 0.7 percentage point two months later."

The Bank of Israel cut its benchmark rate 1.2 percentage points to 12.7 in June, after the government announced economic plans including a wider trading range for the shekel and a budget cut.

Shares closing down before the rate announcement included banks, with Israel's two biggest based on assets - Bank Hapoalim and Bank Leumi - each falling 0.75 percent. Israel Discount Bank fell 2 percent after it said secondquarter net income dropped 12

The Maof Index of 25 issues fell 1.18 percent to 297.43 and the Mishtanim Index of 100 issues fell 1.34 percent to 289.65. The general bond index fell 0.05 percent. We still don't know which way world markets will go, and every-

body's waiting to see what (Bank of Israel Governor Jacob] Frenkel wili say," said Dan Alt, a broker at Nesuah Trading, a Tel Aviv investment firm, before the interest rate announcement. "We don't see any positive developments on the political front, either."

In Cairo stocks rose, led by milling companies after earnings, reported in the weekly stock market magazine El Borsa, eased concern that competition from new privately owned mills would erode the profits of the listed companies, brokers said.

"People have been talking about the threat of the private mills, but look at the results. It was a complete over-reaction to a few newspaper articles," said Mark Krombas, an investment strategist with Prime Securities.

Milling stocks, which account for between 10 and 20% of trading on the Egyptian bourse, had led a six-month decline in stocks from February 24 through July 22, when the EFG Index of 32 companies fell 25,1%.

Yesterday, South Cairo Flour Mills' after-tax profit rose by 9.85% to 21.72 million pounds for the year ended June 30; while Middle Egypt Flour Mills' aftertax profit rose 0.4% to 40.87 million pounds, and Middle and West Delta Flour Mills' after-tax profit rose 39.74% to 60.089 million pounds, El Borsa reported.

Middle Egypt Flour Mills gained 4.75% to 41.03 Egyptian pounds; South Cairo Flour Mills gained 1.3% to 73,93 pounds; Middle and West Delta Flour Mills was up 2.57% to 80.09 pounds; and East Delta Flour Mills gained 3.09% to due to a boliday, French stocks average rose 6.00, or 0.03 percent,

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65.78 pounds. Alexandria Flour Mills gained 2.03% to 86.73 Egyptian pounds. Flour Mills, which sold 30% of its equity in an initial public offering in July, increased profit by 143.97% to 33.05 million Egyptian pounds (\$9.75 million) in the year ended June 30, El Borsa reported, without saying whether tax had been discounted.

The EFG Index gained 2.54% or by 146.99 points to 5942.68. In the whole market, 62 stocks advanced, 20 declined and three were unchanged and trading in stocks advancing was ten times

trading in those declining. Krombas said he expects the market to decline today as some investors sell to take advantage of the sharp rise in prices over the last three days. The EFG Index has gained 8.16 percent since the start of trading Thursday. Egyptian Electric Cables declined the furthest of the stocks.

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While London had no trading

fell, paring early gains, amid fresh to 18.656.17. concern interest rates could rise in the weeks ahead. Banks and insurance companies declined. France's benchmark CAC 40 Index fell 5.66 points, or 0.2 percent, to 2898.57, after rising as much as 1.1 percent Higher-than-expected consumer

prices in the Western German state of Hesse fueled the interest rate concern, traders said. "The German situation is worrying a lot of people," said Michel Renard, a fund manager with BRED Gestion in Paris, which handles around \$75 million in equities. "I don't see how the Bundesbank could consider raising rates, but it's a slow day - the smallest of doubts becomes blown out of propor-

Japanese stocks traded mixed as semiconductor-related companies fell and automakers such as Toyota Motor Corp. gained on a stronger dollar. Advantest Corp., Rohm Co., and Shin-Etsu Chemical Co. declined. Analysts downgraded chipmakers in the US, citing concem that sales will slow next year, causing inventories to rise.

The question is whether this is the beginning of the downturn" for semiconductor stocks, said Christophe Aurand, chief investmeot officer at Taiyo Life Gamma Asset Management Ltd., which manages \$4.2 billion. "There is concern about what's happening in the States and it's starting to look like we're entering a phase of slower growth."

The benchmark Nikkei 225

America

NEW YORK (Reuters) - Blue chips ended lower yesterday in a mini-replay of Friday's volatility, as stocks raced from the plus to the minus column.

Based on early and unofficial data, the Dow Jones industrial average ended down 28.34 points at 7,859.57 after giving back an early rally of nearly 60 points. But in the broader market,

advancing issues led declines 15-12 on an unusually light volume of 391 million shares on the New York Stock Exchange. The Dow had been up 56 points

at its peak but gave way to lateday profit taking, sapped by a soft bond market.

It was the third-consecutive setback for blue chips and came after the Dow on Friday rallied back from a 177-point deficit to close down only 6 points.

Analysts said small stocks were attracting investors looking for growth at more attractive prices. The Russell 2000 index of small capitalization shares ended up 2.36 at 418.09.

In individual stocks, SFX Broadcasting Inc. rose 6-1/4 to 74-1/8. Private buyout firm, Hicks, Muse, Tate & Furst said it was buying SFX for \$2.1 billion, including debt, creating the largest US radio company with 314 sta-

tions in 79 markets. Bergen Brunswig Corp. jumped 12-1/16 to 42 after the drugs and medical supplies distributor said it would merge with Cardinal Health Inc. Cardinal Health rose 3-4/16 to

## Mark weakens ahead of Bundesbank decision

The dollar pared Friday's losses Frankfurt, said yesterday. "We will against the mark amid expectations German interest rates won't be changed at the Bundesbank's securities repurchase tender today.

While a report showed consumer prices in the west German state of Hesse rose an annual 1.9 percent in the month to mid-August, traders and analysts expect the Bundesbank to keep interest rates on hold at its repo auction.

"German inflation is going up, but there is no real problem;" Dieter Gloeckner, a customer adviser at Deutsche Girozentrale-Deutsche Kommunalbank in

see no interest rate rise when the Bundesbank announces its securities repurchase rate tomorrow."

A report of a stronger-thanexpected increase in German import prices Friday stoked speculation the Bundesbank would raise interest rates to keep inflation in check. Higher rates make markdenominated deposits more attractive, boosting the German currency and making imports to Germany less expensive.

Baden-Wuerttemberg will be the last of four west German states to release its August con-

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sumer prices report.

polled Economists Bloomberg News expect prices to have risen 1.8% in Germany, compared with the Bundesbank's long-term target of 2.0% inflation. French Finance Minister Dominique Stranss-Kahn gave the dollar a boost by suggesting European interest-rate rises would be unsustainable. In a radio interview with RTL, Stranss-Kahn said, We have to hope that we can keep interest rates sufficiently low, adding that "bigher interest rates

would act as a brake to growth." The yen was undermined after the yield on Japan's benchmark 10-year

government bond fell to a recordlow 2.03%, said Hirokazu Note, chief trader at Sumitomo Bank Ltd. The bond's yield fell after the Japan Chain Store Association said supermarket sales fell 4.1% in July from the same month a year earlier. The association said nationwide department-store sales fell 3.4% in July. The reports boosted expectations the economic recovery is too fragile to allow the Bank of Japan to raise interest rates. The central bank has kept the discount rate, at which it lends money overnight to banks, at an all-time low of 0.5% since September 1995.

## Gasoline rises on supply uncertainty

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In New York, gasoline futures rose on concern that supplies are tight in the northeast, after see-sawing earlier as traders assessed speculatioo that refineries are experiencing more problems.

Strong summer demand and falling inventory levels heightened concern that gasoline delivered to the New York harbor trading at an 18 percent preminm to comparable New York futures contracts - is scarce. Gasoline seesawed this week as selling, by speculators anticipating lower demand as the summer driving season nears an end, alternated with buying, by oil traders concerned about low supplies.

Prices fell for much of the day, after rising early, as traders dismissed speculation about new refinery problems and reduced their holdings in the September contract before its expiration on Aogust 29.

Gasoline for September delivery rose 0.33 cent to 67.48 cents a gal-Ion on the New York Mercantile Exchange. It rose as much as 1.15 cents and fell as much as 1.4 cents. October gasoline rose 0.72 cent to 60.91 cents a gallon as some traders who sold September contracts bought October.

**Precious Metals** 

Precions metals rose as a falling dollar attracted overseas buyers, tral banks sales that plagued gold

Gold \$324.6 v 0.15 Brent Oil \$18.54 A 0.03

CRB 238.45 ¥ 0.19 while some US investors sought a haven from plunging stocks. The rise was most pronounced in silver, which had its biggest one-day gain since February. Silver is unhindered by the specter of cen-

With the weaker dollar and stocks, investors "looking for places to put their money are trader at the Sinclair Group, part

of R.F. Lafferty in New York. Gold for December delivery rose \$3.10 to \$329.70 an ounce on the Comex division of the New York Mercantile Exchange. September silver rose 17.7 cents to \$4.685 an ounce, its biggest one-day gain since February 12,

Coffee fell after truckers settled a six-day strike in Colombia, promising fresh shipments of

beans to a market already suffering from slow roaster demand. An agreement was reached in the strike of about 2,000 Colombian putting some of it into gold as a truckers at the key coffee port of reserve," said Michael Martin, a Buenaventura, a spokesman for truckers at the key coffee port of the Colombian truck drivers association said. The shipments from Colombia, the world's secondlargest exporter, come as US roasters already are well-stocked with green coffee beans.

"Roasters have plenty of coffee," said Charles Cronly, vice president of trading at Harry J. Acer Corp., a green coffee trader in Palisades Park, New Jersey. Now you settle the Colombian strike, and any problems that might have come from that have

## US T-bills slump amid growth concern

US bonds fell for a fourth day yesterday, before a batch of reports due tomorrow that may show economic strength, and before the Treasury's sale this week of \$27 billion two- and five-The market is vulnerable to

sell-offs," said Scott Graham, government bond trader at Prudential Securities. "Short-term, I'm bearish" on bonds. The benchmark 30-year

Treasury bond fell 7/32, or \$2.19 per \$1,000 bond, to 96 1/4, nudging its yield up I basis point to 6.66 percent. The two-year oote

yield rose 3 basis points to 5.95%. US bonds fell for a third day Friday as the dollar slomped against the German mark and traders fremed that strong US growth may eventually speed inflation and prompt the Federal Reserve to boost bank lending rates for a second time this year. Reports this week include those

on orders for durable goods, consumer confidence, spending and second-quarter economic growth. The government's first revision to its estimate of second-quarter economic growth is expected to show the economy grew at a 3.2% annual

BONDS M-year US T-bill yield 6.66% A Q.L rate in the quarter, up from the gov-

erument's first estimate of 2.2%. The Treasury, meanwhile, plans to sell \$15.5b. two-year notes today and \$11.5b. five-year notes

tomorrow. Securities firms that must bid for the government's debt - known as primary dealers - often drive yields higher before Treasury sales to drum up customer demand.

So far, inflation hasn't accelerated. Consumer prices rose at a 1.5% annual rate in the first seven months of the year, the slowest pace since 1986. That may allow the Fed to stand pat on rates when it next meets in September, as it did the past three meetings.

The Treasury may not have trouble finding buyers for its \$27b. new two- and five-year notes

because yields are some 20 basis points higher than they were at the

end of July, traders said. "I don't think the supply's going to be a problem," said Bill Gamba, head government bond trader at Cowen & Co. Still, speculation the German central bank will raise interest rates before long may burt the dollar and crimp foreign demand for the new Treasuries by non-US investors, the biggest buyers of US debt, traders said.

"If the dollar remains under pressure, the auctions may pose more of a problem than we realize," Graham said.

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## Thailand's Tanasugarn first winner in US Open

NEW YORK (AP) - Venus Williams made a splashy debut at the US Open - just like she knew

she would.
We always just expected to be here." Williams said. "I started playing when I was young, so it was just what I expected, not what I hoped."

And, just as she expected, Williams won, coming from behind to defeat Larisa Neiland of Latvia 5-7, 6-0, 6-1 today.

"In the first set, I was a little bit nervous," Williams admined. -1 really wasn't playing my game and I had to turn it around. ... I was a little bit nervous, because at Wimbledon I didn'i play the way l

Chanda Rubin won the first point on the spanking new Arthur Ashe Stadium court - and the first game. She also was the first loser in the year's final Grand Slam tourna-

Thailand's Tamarine Tanasugarn went into the trivia hall of fame by being the first winner io the new complex, 6-4, 6-0.

Robin and Williams may have been chosen to play the first two matches on the centerpiece of the \$254 million National Tennis Center expansion because they are the two highest-ranked Americans in the sport. Rubin, a native of Lafayette, Lousiana, is ranked 32nd in the world: Williams, who now makes ber bome at Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, is 66th.

"It's awesome," Williams said of the 22,547-seat Arthur Ashe Stadium, named for the only African-American to win a Grand Slam tournament men's singles title. "I like to play in the big stadiums in front of a lot of people."

It was only the fourth Grand Slam tournament match of her career. The 16-year-old right-bander reached the second round of the French Open in May and was knocked out in the first round at Wimbledon in June.

Rubin has struggled ever since she underwent surgery on her wrist early last year. Against Tanasugam, she displayed none of the form that once took her to No. 6 in the the world.

"I feel very happy that I played in the stadium, to be the first - no, two players in the first stadium." Tanasugam said. "It's my first time to play in a big stadium, center

In an early upset, American Lisa Raymond ousted No. 15 Ruxandra Dragomir of Romania 6-2, 3-6, 6-

The first seeded player to gain a spot in the second round was No. 14 Mark Philippoussis. The bigserving Australian pounded out a



ONE FOR THE BOOKS - American Chanda Rubin hits a backhand to Thailand's Tamarine Tanasugarn. Chanda made tennis history by being the 1st loser in the new Arthur Ashe Stadium. (Remers)

6-3, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4 decision over Morocco's Karim Alami.

Other early winners included No. 12 Felix Mantilla of Spain, 7-6 (7-4), 6-3, 6-2 over Australian Jason Stoltenberg, Britain's Greg Rusedski downed American David Wheaton 6-2, 6-3, 6-3; and Russla's Anna Koumikova eliminated Sabine Appelmans of Belgium 6-2, 6-0.

in the final match on opening day of the year's final Grand Slam event, Pete Sampras was scheduled to face qualifier Todd Larkham of Australia.

Once Whitney Houstoo's final note has faded into the darkness, once the plethora of former winners have taken their last bow, once the dedication of the new Arthur Ashe Stadium bas been completed, Sampras will begin again his chase of Roy Emerson.

"It's only a matter of time before he gets me," said Emerson, who won a record 12 Grand Slam tournament men's singles titles before being inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame. "Pete's going to catch me and pass

Ranked No. 1 in the world, the 26-year-old Sampras is seeking his third consecutive and fifth career US Open title. He also has four Wimbledon and two Australian Open championships on his resume, giving him a total of 10.

"He's a great player who deserves the record," Emerson said in Brookline, Massachusetts, where he competed in the Legends portion of the MFS Pro Championships. "He'll go way beyond."

But first, Sampras has to make it out of the first week. At least that's what most players believe. "If Pete's in the second week.

he's probably invincible. ... You've got to get him in the first week. The French Open is the only Grand Slam where he loses in the second week," Britain's Greg Rusedski said about the favorite.

Sampras even received help from the draw. If he beat Larkham as expected, he will play the winner of a first-round match between two more qualifiers: Patrick Baur of Germany and Brazil's Jaime Oncins, who were scheduled to

meet on an outside court yesterday. The third match in Arthur Ashe Stadium pitted two Americans -Jim Courier, who once was ranked No. 1 in the world and reached the US Open final six years ago, and Todd Martin, playing in his first tournament since suffering an injury early this year.

# Sweden's Olympic hopes fading fast

explosion that hit Sweden's bestknown sports stadium in yesterday's early hours may have fin-ished off the faltering Swedish bid to stage the 2004 Olympic Games.

Not only is there a person or group wandering Sweden with the intent of blowing up sports arenas in an attempt to stop Stockholm being awarded the 2004 Summer

But a string of explosions, the latest targeting Ullevi stadium in Gothenburg. has also sbown Swedish police incapable of protecung sports arenas where thousands of ainletes, VIPs and speciators would attend the world's biggest sports event.

Athens, Rome, Cape Town and Buenos Aires are the other cities competing for the right to bold the 2004 games. Stockholm was seen, with Athens and Rome, as one of the favorites to win. The decision will be announced

on September 5. Stockholm bid organizers have been putting a brave face on the

series of attacks this year against Stockholm tennis arenas, the home of former prime minister and bid champion lngvar

STOCKHOLM (Reuters) - The Carlsson, and a Stockholm stadi-

But International Olympic Committee (IOC) members meeting in Lausanne, Switzerland next week may not be able to do the same, especially after yesterday's attack on a stadium due to host the Olympic soccer competition. No

one was burt in the blast. Much of the joy of hosting sports events in Scandinavia is the absence of hooliganism and the presence of good-natured spectators who demand a minimum of

The Stockholm bid has based itself on the relaxed, clean-living and safe aspects of Swedish society. If that security advantage disappears, what is Stockholm left with? Bid supporters are hardly being helped by Swedish police. whose reputation for being unable to solve crimes dates back to the 1986 assassination of Prime Minister Olof Palme on a central Słockholm street.

That police investigation was revealed to be complacent and incapable of catching criminals. Palme's killer is still at large.

Now, seven Stockholm sports and tennis arenas have been

Stockholm's most famous stadium, where the 1912 Olympics were staged, was bombed earlier this month.

All attacks were staged in the middle of the night against targets that had virtually no protection. Police appear powerless to stop the bombings.

Despite the attacks, Ulievi stadium was protected by what police described yesterday as "normal" security.

Olympic bid organizers argue there is a world of difference between current security at Swedish stadiums and the security that would be put into place at an Olympic Games.

They point to the 1995 World Athletic Championships held in Ullevi stadium which passed off without a hitch. In 1995, however, the individual

or group that objects so strongly to Stockholm hosting the Olympics was dormant.

A group calling itself We Who Built Sweden (VSBS) has claimed responsibility for the attacks, issuing dire warnings of mass death and destruction if Sweden tries to host the Olympics.

## Hapoel Petah Tikva in good shape for Vejle

#### By AMMANJAH DE VRIES

Hapoel Petah Tikva will be taking on the Danisb side Veile at home tonight in the second-leg of the second preliminary round of UEFA Cup play.

The first leg, played in Denmark, ended in a 0-0 draw. As a result, Petah Tikva must win tonight's match or tie at 0-0 to avoid elimination from the tournament.

A draw puts the Danes through on the away goals rule, by which away goals are worth two points, compared to one point for goals scored at home. According to UEFA Cup rules, if the match is tied at the end of 90 minutes, the sides go into suddendeath extra time, with penalty kicks if still no one

Petah Tikva has had a rather disappointing league season so far and went down 3-1 against Bnei Yehuda in the National League Toto competition last Friday. In Denmark, the Vejle players dominated most of the game, with Petah Tikva top-scorer Motti Kakkon missing an excellent scoring opportunity near the end of the game.

This time around, however, Petah Tikva has the home advantage, after having kept the Danes scoreless in Denmark. Also, star mid-fielder Eli Abarbanel, who has missed UEFA Cup action so far this year, is on the roster for tonight's game. Hungarian central defender Gabor Marton, who scored a crucial injury-time winning goal against Estonia's Flora Tallinn in the first round, is also back from an injury and will be playing tonight. Motti Kakkon, too, has a clean bill of bealth. Only mid-fielder Shlomi Ben-Hamo is still out of action.

And if all that wasn't enough, the Petah Tikva squad will be cheered on during the game by about 100 extra fans, children from Kiryat Shmona and other northern-border towns whom the team is hosting. The youngsters will eat lunch with the players and each one will receive a Petah Tikva jer-

As of vesterday morning more than 2,000 of the 7,000 tickets available to the game had been sold. The home side expects the largest crowd so far this season to be at the game.

The Danes, who only arrived in Israel yesterday evening, after a 10-hour journey, mean to make up for the lack of scoring at home and are confident they can pull off a win despite Petah Tikva having the home advantage. They went straight from Ben Gurion airport to the stadium in Petah Tikva for In their previous L'EFA Cup appearance, in 1990,

1-0 and 3-0 by Admira Wacker. In Danish league play the team has not been doing much better. They lost their last match 3-0. Alex Norlund is the man to watch for on the Danish side. The winner of tonight's match in Petan Tikva will

Veile was eliminated in the first preliminary round

advance to the draw for the opening round of the UEFA cup, which includes the likes of Arsenal and Glasgow Celtic.

The game is in Petah Tikva at 19:00 and will be shown live on the Sports channel.

In other soccer action Betar Jerusalem take on Sporting Lisbon tomorrow in Lisbon and Hapoel Beersheba plays an at-home Cup Wioner's Cup match against Vilnius of Lithuania on Thorsday.

#### LOCAL SCENE

## 4 local teams advance in sailing c'ships

#### By HEATHER CHAIT

The familiarity of Tel Aviv's beaches and the Mediterranean waves yesterday sent four local teams through the qualifying rounds to today's main round of the World Sailing Championships (470-division).

Among them are Ze'ev Kalach and David Schwartz who finished the beats in second place in Group A and Eli Zuckerman and Sa'ar Behr, also second in Group B. The other couples among the 26 teams who proceed to the 12 final saits are Nir and Ran Shental and Etad Ronen and Tomer Batitu.

Ehud Gal and Gidi Kliger failed to make the grade.

Also in the final sails are the world's top two teams. From come Greece Andreas Kosmatopoulos and Kostas Trigonis with Portugal's Vitor Rocha and Nuno Barreto ranked second in the world.

In the women's competition. Anat Fabrikant and Shani Kedmi moved from fifth to second place after four sails. Leading the women are Ukraine's Vladelina Kratchun and Natalia Gapovonich.

Tennis: Israel will not have a representative at this year's US

The last ray of light went out when Oren Motevassel lost his third round qualifying match to Jimy Szymanski from Venezuela 6-3, 6-4. In the second round Motevassel beat New Zealand's Alistair Hunt 6-2, 6-2, Eyal Ran went out in the second qualifying round, losing 4-6, 6-2, 6-0 to John van Lotem from the Netherlands.

Three other male players, Eyal Erlicb, Raviv Weidenfeld and Lior Mor lost their first match in the qualifying rounds while Anna Smashnova reached the second round where she met her match. All the above does not bode well for the Davis Cup tie against

Morocco next month at Ramat Hasharon (19-21 September). While the Moroccans' rankings are moving up with Hisbam Arazi at 39 and Karim Alami at 54, the Israeli players have a wide gap to close. Erlich is at 150 this week, Ran at 169, Weidenfeld at 183 and Motevassel at 185.

Golf: Sblomo Avnaim and Meir Assayeg went to a superb 11 under par 47 points to win this week's better ball stableford competition. Basil Kaufman and Ephraim Katzman were second with 43 points. The husband and wife combination of Malca and Mati Geri was third with 42 and Solly Freman and Zvi Schachar also scored 42 but with an inferior back

It's the quarter-finals of the Kirshner individual matchplay tournament and still in the running are Eli Hasson who will play against Malca Geri, Hanoch Reichenberg and Liran Kessel, Jules Cuburnek and Shmulik Futeran and Moshe Zarkover who faces David Edel.

Soccer: As early as it is in the English soccer season, Eyal Berkovic is already stealing the show. The Daily Mirror included him in their list of 11 best foreign players in the league this year. Of the Israeli midfielder, now with Westham, the Mirror wrote, "The talented Israeli is likely to prove the best buy of the season, after being bought for only £1.75m."

Betar Jerusalem's goalkeeper tizik Komfein is another one worthy of praise. On Sunday, after Betar's afternoon practice, Komfein cleaned himself up, donned bis suit and made his way to Ma'aleh Hahamisha to greet the 750 guests at his wedding to Etty Uzari.

Nuptials or not, at 3.30 the next morning Kornfein presented himself at Ben-Gution Airport for the flight ic .i.e match against Sporting Lisbon.

## Schumacher is king of Spa

SPA-FRANCOR CHAMPS, Belgium (AP) - If King Baudouin is the King of Belgium. then Michael Schumacher must

be the King of Spa.

Schumacher ruled again at the
Belgian Grand Prix Sunday, winning a race in wet conditions armed with his knowledge of the tricky weather and a track to his

He has merely won the race in the Ardennes Forest four of the last six years. In fact, he has only been beaten by one other driver during that time when he was second in the 1993 race. In 1994, he actually finished first but was disqualified on a technicality.

Schumacher lives about 100 kilometers away in Kerpen, Germany. So he knows the area, he knows the track, and he knows how to win when it rains.

Schumacher dominated the early part of the 44-lap race, coming out with intermediate wet weather tires after a shower just before the start soaked the track. In his Ferrari, he saw the changing conditions and was pleased.
"I have to say when I was sitting on the grid and the sun was

coming out and the rain was stopping, I had my first smile," Schumacher said. About 90 minutes later, he won the race by 26 seconds ahead of Giancarlo Fisichella of Italy in a

Jordan-Peugeot. Mike Hakkinen of Finland was third, more than 30 seconds

Schuinacher now bas a 12-point lead in the drivers' standings over Jacques Villeneuve with the Italian Grand Prix September 7. "Nothing is decided yet, 12

points is a nice margin but it is not definite," Schumacber said. It was the 26th career victory for Schamacher and the fourth this year. Schumacher was ready for the

rain in Belgium. "It counts in certain circumstances... to know the weather here," he said. "It helps to make it In 1995, he started in 16th posi-



GREASED LIGHTNING - Michael Schumacher en route to winning the Belgian Grand Prix on Sunday.

tion but the rains came. He made the right changes of tires at the right time and threaded his way through the pack to win. In Monaco thia past May, he made another decision just before

the race to change tires and the setting of his car and won easily. At the race Sunday, he waited in the pits until it started pouring. Then he went out on the track after everyone else was on the atarting grid. He had a solo lap to

were just putting them on. He was able to pit twice without problems as the track conditions

warm up bis tires while the others

Obviously, I like those circumstances here very much. It suits me," Schumacher said. The first three laps of the race were behind a safety car because of the amount of water on the track. No passing was allowed with Villeneuve and Jean Alesi ahead of Schumacher. With the pace car gone and the cars unleashed, it was no contest. At the beginning of the fifth lap, Schumacber went into first and built up a lead of nearly six seconds by the end of the 4.329-mile circuit. By the 13th lap, the gap was more than a minute.

After 30 laps with the track practically dry, Schumacher still had a 44-second lead after his second tire change and went on to win comfortably.

Hikkanen's third place was

under a question mark. The fuel in bis McLaren-Mercedes in Saturday's qualifying did not comply with regulations. The team appealed and the sport's governing body-FIA, will review

Heinz-Harald Frentzen Germany was fourth. Britain 5 Johnny Herbert was fifth, while Villeneuve ended sixth.

## Northwestern replaces Wisconsin in rankings Penn State leads the pack

NEW YORK (AP) - Top- Carolina (four first-place votes, ranked Penn State still leads a 1,343 points), Colorado (three six-team Big Ten conference contingent, but Northwestern moves in to replace Wisconsin in The Associated Press first regular-season Top 25 college

And Syracuse, off an impressive 34-0 victory over the Badgers in Sunday's Kickoff Classic, jumped from No. 17 to No. 13 in balloting from the 70 sportswriters and broadcasters who vote in the poll. The Wildcats, who beat Oklahoma 24-0 in Saturday's

Pigskin Classic, were unranked

in the preseason poll but moved in at No. 24 this week, the same spot Wisconsin held. The Kickoff and Pigskin classics opened the season, with nearly a full slate of games set

for Saturday.
The Nittany Lions, who open the season against Pittsburgh on September 6, received 22 first-place votes and 1,602 points, while Florida, the defending national champions, remained No. 2 with 14 first-place votes and 1,563 points. The Gators open their season Saturday against Southern Mississippi.

Florida State, with six first-place votes and 1,503 points. remaioed third, fol-lowed by Washington (oine first-place votes, 1,498 points) and Tennessee (seven firstplace votes, 1,480

points). Nebraska, with four fusi-place votes and 1,425 points, was sixth. followed by North

1,343 points), Colorado (three first-place votes, 1,318 points), Ohio State (one first-place vote,

1,166 points) and LSU. The six Big Ten teams in the Top 25 are Penn State, No. 9 Ohio State, No. 15 Michigan. No. 21 Iowa, Northwestern and No. 25 Michigan State.

Notre Dame was 11th, followed by Texas, Syracuse, Miami, Michigan, Alabama, Auburn, Stanford, Brigham Young, Clemson, Iowa, Kansas State. Southern California, Northwestern and Michigan

## AP's top 25 college football teams

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# St. Mike of Bourbon Street

Coach Mike Ditka, savoring preseason win over former employer, gets set to start 1st year at Saints' helm

CHICAGO (AP) — He walked toward the "Ditka For President" hanner in the southeast corner of the end zone and heard the fans

chanting his name. Mike Ditka was Da Coach again, victorious at Soldier Field, one of the most beloved sports figures in Chicago history.

"I'm lucky to be back, I realize that," said Ditka, out of the NFL for four years after the Bears fired him in 1992 until the New Orleans Saints hired him for this season, whic begins Sunday.

To come here, to leave and to have another opportunity to go back and do it one more time ... what a thrill to be able to have a second chance to do what you really love doing," he said. "How many people can say that? I'm the

luckiest guy in the world." Right now, the Saints feel pretty lucky to have Ditka.

By beating the Bears 13-7 Friday night, they finished the pre-season with as many victories as they had all last regular season, wheo they were 3-13.

"Coach Ditka instills an attitude in us all," Saints cornerback Je'Rod Cherry said. "You don't want to let him down."

Ditka, who was 112-68 in 11 years with the Bears and became an icon when he led them to a Super Bowl victory after the 1985 season, cut a familiar figure on the Soldier Field sideline - even if it was the unfamiliar east sideline.

He gave his chewing gum a serious workout and stood with his arms crossed over his chest. There were no tirades, which were common when he coached the Bears, but he made his presence felt by occasionally bellowing at one of

his players or an official.
"He hasn't changed one bit," said Saints center Jerry Fontenot, who was with the Bears during Ditka's last four seasons in Chicago. "He's just as hungry and intense, and loves to win just as much. He runs this team the way he's always run a team.

Everyone needs a leader, someone to rally around."

Bears offensive tackle James Williams, one of only six holdovers from the Ditka era, said his former coach "has mellowed out a little bit." "Just all the hollering," Williams said, "that's what I remember about him."

Saints quarterback Heath Shuler, like Jim McMahon, Jim Harbaugh and others to play that position under Ditka, isn't sure the man has mellowed all that much.

"Ditka gets on me sometimes," Shuler said. "He puts all the pressure on your shoulder. It huilds character and toughness. You don't want to upset the guy and you don't want to embarrass yourself."

Before the game, Ditka chatted with the man who replaced him as Chicago coach, Dave Wannstedt, He also met briefly with Bears president Michael McCaskey, who fired Ditka after a 5-11 season in

"He just asked me if I was happy to he back and I told him I was,"

Ditka was cheered regularly by the crowd, and fans booed when Wannstedt elected not to go for a first down on fourth-and-1 from midfield in the second quarter. Friday's game was only Ditka

Returns, Part L The Saints will be back at Soldier Field on October 5 in a game that will count in the standings.

"I just hope it's over now," Ditka said of the hype. "I hope it's not like this when we come back here next time." Bears linebacker Bryan Cox shares that hope.

"It was a pain in the butt," he said. "I'm all for loving somebody and enjoying somebody, but that (Super Bowl season) was 12 years ago. We've got to make something happen around here for our-

The Bears, who have only been .500 team since Ditka left and have missed the playoffs in three of four years, finished the presea-



FUMBLEITIS - Bears QB Erik Kramer (12) loses the ball after being hit by Saints' Mark Fields (55) and Anthony Newman in a preseason game at Soldier Field on Friday. New Orleans, who recovered the famble, won 13-7.

## **Packers** in punting predicament

GREEN BAY (AP) - Maybe the Soper Bowl champs should have drafted unsung kicker Ryan Longwell instead of Brett Conway, the lauded third-rounder who missed four consecutive field goals and three straight exhibition

games. That way, they wouldn't be in

the predicament they're in.

Green Bay Packers general manager Ron Wolf, who cut ties with reliable eight-year veteran Chris Jacke in the offseason, and coach Mike Holmgren have to decide what to do about their kicker quandary before the sea-

Do they cut Longwell, a free agent from Cal who's been perfect in the preseason, nailing six field goals and 10 extra points?

Do they keep both kickers until Conway, the Penn State star who received a \$290,000 signing bonus, can return from a damaged right quadriceps muscle, the result of overwork following a threemiss performance against New England on July 31?

Or do they go with punter Craig Hentrich in the meantime? Conld they possibly trust Conway, who hasn't kicked anything more than a few soccer balls since getting hurt on August 8, to kick against the Chicago Bears in their opener on Monday, September 1?

Longwell, who kicked field goals of 50, 28 and 49 yards as the Packers rallied to beat the New York Giants 22-17 on Friday night, said he's pretty sure he's earned an NFL job - be's just not so sure it's in Green Bay.

"The only thing I can say is I put the decision in their hands," Longwell said. "I did my part." And it might be hard to part with him after his performance against the Giants.

Longwell not only nailed all three of his field goals, but he put four of six kickoffs into the end zone, squibbing one at the end of the first half.

That had to open Wolf's and Holmgren's eyes, for it was the only question about Loogweil. whose first 16 kickoffs had landed

on average at the 5-yard line.
The only kickoff that was short Friday night was fielded at the Giants 8. That followed a failed

two-point conversion pass from Doug Pederson to Don Beebe with the Packers trailing 17-15 in the closing minutes.

"That's the one I was disappointed in, because I didn't get to kick the PAT, which is naturally how I warm up," Longwell said. It was Longwell's only blemish.

"He certainly has had a good camp and a good preseason," Holmgren said. "He's a good kicker. We'll have to wait and see how Brett's doing and then make the decision."

"Physically, I've done everything on my end of the deal," Longwell said. "Now, it's a busioess decision." Still, Longwell said he fully expects to get cut.

"l'il pack my stuff up and plan to get the phone call," he said. "i think I have to. They put their stock in Brett, and they gave him a lot of money."

Longwell's not even sure he

could have done anything to stay. "I don't think they can look at anything that I've done and point a finger and say that's the reason (to cut me)," Longwell said. "The only reason they can say is they drafted Brett and gave him a hig signing bonus, which, in this day and age sometimes is more than physical talent.

"So, it's oot so much what you do on the field, it's what they think of you and give you money-wise." Longwell signed for the league minimum after he was released by San Francisco this summer because the Packers, ironically, didn't expect him to be anything more than a "camp leg," spelling Conway to keep him healthy.

Cooway, whose injury came at the end of a week in which he admittedly kicked almost twice the oumber of balls he normally does, had more medical tests Friday, and Holmgren said the

reports were encouraging.

"It's my understanding that the injury is not that severe," Holmgren said. "So, that was the good part. Now we just have to get him so he's feeling good about his leg and he's confident in making the kicks.

"But certainly Longwell, getting back to that question, he has kicked well enough to make the football team," Holmgren said.

"Now whether that happens, we'll see."

## Hey world, stop belittling American 'soccer'

#### By ALEX JOHNSON

What is the United States's place in world soccer? To hear the traditionalists tell it, that's a silly question. We have no place in world soccer.

Inevitably, a small part of my mail each month comes from European soccer traditionalists horrified by what they read in US papers. This is especially true in the Northern Hemisphere summer months, when the rest of the world gets force-fed a diet of soccer American-style. The major European leagues are dormant and the South American leagues are winding their way through preliminary tournaments, while the big sports television companies are beaming Major League Soccer around

At its heart, the reaction seems to reflect a generic scom of anything "American." When challenged, such folks start by responding that it's "football," damn it, not "soccer." Why that's so important is beyond me. "Soccer"is not an Americanism. Really. It's British English, more than 120 years old, with a very specific English pedigree. We just borrowed it. The most important English-language soccer magazine in the world, after all, has been called World Soccer, not World Football, for a half-century. It's published in London.

Moreover, the mantra that "it's football everywhere else" is plain false. It's "football" only in the British Isles and in some of the Romance languages. The traditional-ists' argument is not just with the Americans, but also with the Canadians, the Australians, the South Africans and most of the Caribbean and the West Indies. With much of the rest of the world, for that matter.

Would the same drunken gentleman who poked his finger in my chest at a World Cup game three years ago and insisted that "it's (bleeping) fnotball, (expletive) American" march up to someone in Italy and say the same thing? The Italians call it "calcio." Not "football." And they've won more World Cups than the English,

More annoying to the snobs seems to be that we "don't know the game." "You're always trying to

change it," they say.

To which I answer. No, we're not.

Major League Soccer plays by almost exactly the same rules as the rest of the world. MLS has gone so far as to cancel games that would otherwise have been played on the artificial turf that is so identified with American sports, and it has even managed to strong-arm giant television networks into agreeing to air 45-minutelong halves uninterrupted by commercials, a wondrous achievement for which the US Soccer Federation and

MLS have received too little credit. Even the odious shootout (whose advocates include Johan Cruyff, who wants to use it in the World Cup) is merely an elaboration of the equally stilly penalty-kick tiebreaker used elsewhere. It turns out that when you really look at it, the biggest change we've made in the rules is to have the game clock count down from 45

instead of up from 0. Oh, the horror! The intellectual's explanation for the scorn heaped on American soccer fans - and the US soccer audience is, statistically speaking, significantly wealthier and better-educated than the general sports

audience, so there are lots of intellectuals dreaming up pedantic theories - is that in the post-Cold War world, soccer is one of the very few arenas left in which the rest of the world is indisputably better than we are.

The US dominates trade, international politics and, increasingly, culture of all brows, high-, middle- and low-. The rest of the world fears that the US will inevitably try to make soccer just another arena in which to arrogantly demonstrate that it is the world's only superpower, the argument goes.

I don't completely buy that - as the fifth sport in a four-sport country, soccer isn't strong enough to carry all that geopolitical weight - but it is an interesting

To be sure, we contribute to the atmosphere in a hundred tiny ways, insignificant in themselves but really annoying when taken together.

The worst of these is the incessant assault on the senses intended to generate fake enthusiasm at games. MLS teams pipe fake clapping over the speakers, for example. often during play and usually at exactly the least appropriate moment. They parade cheesy mascots through the stands and blare advertisements for licensed merchandise or for whatever happens to be the "Official Doo-Hickey of MLS" at the moment, sublimely oblivious of the fact that, down on the field, the game-winning goal has just gone into the net.

That sort of bucksterism, in fact, is what is most distasteful about American soccer, and it is why, I believe, soccer traditionalists find it hard to accept us. They dislike as not because we don't know the game, or because we might try to change it, but because they look at all the extraneous highlinks and conclude that we don't respect soccer. And at times I can't hlame them; when they start playing that narcoleptic recorded "Ole, ole, ole, ole" music over the loudspeakers in US stadiums, I can only cringe in mortified embarrassment.

Lost in the crossfire is the understanding that such stnpidity is almost exclusively generated by soccer-illiterate marketing types, the dweebs in suits who think of soccer as a "product," not a sport, the ones who daintily ride elevators to their air-conditioned skyboxes, where they never have to meet an actual soccer fan in the

I wish there were a way to make it clear to the international soccer community that the great crowds of reallife American soccer fans are just as put off by that stuff

I keep repeating this point every week, it seems, for the benefit of the men running American soccer. But it bears announcing to the rest of the world, too: All the American soccer fan needs and wants is a good game of soccer. You're right about all the rest of it, but we're fighting the good fight for the game right along with you. So I propose a truce: We in America will fight the

return, you will agree to stop treating us like the crazy aunt you want to hide away in the basement. American soccer is not going to go away. In the end, you and we will both have to adapt. So for the sake of civility - and everybody's blood pressure - we all need to take a deep breath, relax and keep reminding ourselves, "It's only a game." (The Washington Post)

executives who keep trying to fix what isn't broken. In

## Taylor: Australia won't rest on its laurels

LONDON (AP) - As Mark Taylor and his all-conquering team prepare to return home after an historic Ashes victory, the Australian captain insists his side will not be resting ou its laurels for the challenges that lie ahead.

A year ago the Australians set themselves a goal to defeat the West Indies at home and then win away Test series against South Africa and England. With that now accomplished, the Australians return home to play Tests against New Zealand and South Africa.

"When we get back to Australia we'll reset the goals," said Taylor. "You've got to keep moving on. You can't rest on your laurels."

The Australians then face tough tours to India in February and Pakistan in October, Australia has not won a Test series on the subcontinent since Richie Benaud's men were victorious in 1959-60, and Taylor wants to end the bogey

"It's something every sportsman or woman wants to do, to answer every possible question while they're still playing," Taylor said. The only place we baven't won is the subcontinent and that will be the hurdle next year. Things like the subcontinent challenge will spur the senior guys on. We'd like to win

"For all players, Test matches are the pinnacle in themselves, but the more you play the more you like to knock off the little challenges that get thrown in your face."



LOOKING AHEAD - Australian cricket captain Mark Taylor, seen here with the Ashes trophy, says his team's next goal to win a Test on the subcontinent.

The challenge facing the Australians as it arrived in England in May was to win the Ashes for a fifth consecuove time. It did that and significantly, it came from behind to win for the first time since Taylor became captain in 1994.

After losing by nine wickets in the first Test at Edgbaston, Australia went on to win three in-a-row at Old Trafford, Headingley and Trent Bridge before losing by 19 runs at

"Right from the word go we were behind," said Taylor. "In the first Test we were not beaten, we were flogged. It was a fair hiding and we had to fight all the way.

"That's why I think this win has

other ones," added Taylor, who has played in all five Ashes series wins. with vice-captain Steve Waugh and wicketkeeper Ian Healy.

Australia has now won seven consecutive Test series under Taylor in a 35-month period, defeating England (twice), the West Indies (twice) Pakistan, Sri Lanka and South Africa.

"All these sorts of things go towards enhancing a side's reputation," said Taylor. "First it was winning a series, then we beat the West Indies, who were the best team then, and that was a big stepping stone.

"Over the past 12 to 18 months, this is the best all-round Australian been special, more special than the side I've played in." Taylor's next

His leadership qualities are unrivalled, but his future in the Australian team remains uncertain due to consistently poor batting performances.

"My future is going to be based around how I play," Taylor said. "My captaincy certainly hasn't fallen away in the last year and my slips catching has been pretty good for the last year or so.

"It's going to be up to me to make some runs.

Taylor had not scored over 50 in 20 innings before he knocked a century under immense pressure in the first Test. But in the next five matches the left-handed opener passed 50 only once.

"After I got the hundred at Edgbaston, which got the monkey off my back, I said I'd like to be consistent, and I have been - consistently low," he admitted.

Taylor's state team, New South Wales, has a Sheffield Shield game against Victoria and a tour match against New Zealand before the first Test at Brisbane in November.

Taylor would have to perform well in both those matches, but he indicated that the decision as to whether he would like to carry on as captain would be made before the season starts.

"It's a wider picture than that - I don't think a couple of Shield games are going to make a differ-

## Saints secure finals place in Australian football

MELBOURNE (AP) - St. Kilda stayed calm eight in their first season with a loss to out-ofagainst bottom-placed Melbourne to move to the top of the table while other finals contenders faltered in the penultimate round of the Australian Football League competition this

Jason Heatley kicked seven goals for the Saints who ended round 21 on top of the ladder on percentages. St. Kilda. which will play its third finals series in 25 years, shares the top rung with Geelong after the Cats downed Fremantle in

The Saints' will finish in the top two if they beat Port Adelaide at Football Park next week following a 17.12 (114) to 8.14 (62) win over the Demons. Adelaide 6.12 (48) defeated Collingwood 5.9

(39) yesterday to move third on percentages ahead of Western Bulldogs. without a whimper was disappointing." Brisbane mean a hom Port squandered a chance to break into the top is eighth on percentages, ahead of Port, after a finals series.

contention Richmond on Sunday after Brisbane had thrown away a 34-point lead against

Sydney was another of the teams jockeying for finals positions to fall away, losing to Carlton. Carlton coach David Parkin proclaimed Sydney as favorite for this year's championship despite beating the Swans 11.10 (76) to 5.11

Brad Pearce kicked five goals for Carlton, which is still an outside chance of making the final eight.

"I would start them as premiership favorites ... the way they are playing they are capable of being successful wherever and whoever the

play." Parkin said. Sydney coach Rodney Eade said, "to give up

Essendon was down by 34 points in the final quarter hefore an eight-goal blitz set up a 16.10 (106) to 15.12 (104) victory.

Defending champion North Melbourne stayed in louch with the top four with a 38-point win over Hawthorn.

Brett Allison kicked four goals for North in wet, windy conditions, while captain Wayne Carey was best afield with a strong performance at center half-back.

"To come out in that sort of game with those sorts of conditions, which are great levelers, we were certainly very pleased," said coach Denis

North now must beat Collingwood in next weekend's last home and away round to have a chance of making the top four, which would mean a home final in the opening week of the

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# Wilson homer leads Mariners past Yankees

SEATTLE (AP) - Nothing brings out the best in the Seattle Mariners and their fans like a visit

from the New York Yankees. Dan Wilson's two-run homer in the seventh inning snapped a tie as the Mariners defeated the Yankees 5-3 to take two of three games in their weekend series.

A club-record 169,024 watched Seattle improve its record against New York in the Kingdome Sunday to 17-4 since the 1995

playoffs.
"It felt like this game was so crucial," said rookie pitcher Ken Clonde, who combined with two relievers on a six-hitter. "It definitely had a different feeling out there.

Jay Buhner also homered for Seattle, which won Friday oight 9-5 before New York took a wild 10-8 decision in 11 innings on

Saturday night.
Chad Curtis homered and threw a runner out for the Yankees, who dropped seven games behind firstplace Baltimore in the AL East.

Finishing second in the AL East yet qualifying for the wild card might not be so easy for New York because the AL East winner will play the AL West winner under haseball's pre-determined playoff format.

If the Yankees win the wild card, New York will play the Central Division winner in the first round of the postseason.

"We played well," New York manager Joe Torre said. "We just didn't hit much." The Yankees were 0-for-7 with runners in scoring position.
With the score tied 3-3, David

Wells (14-7) walked Andy Sheets to open the seventh and Mike Blowers sacrificed. Wilson then hit a 1-2 pitch over the wall in left for his 12th homer.
The 22-year-old Cloude gave up

four hits and three runs in 6%

#### Orioles 5, Twins 1

Scott Kamieniecki pitched seven strong innings as host Baltimore completed a three-game sweep and Baltimore moved 39 games over 500 (83-44) for the first time since August 1979.

Geronimo Berroa had a two-run shot and Brady Anderson and Rafael Palmeiro hit solo homers off LaTroy Hawkins (4-9) as the Orioles won their fifth straight. Baltimore, which leads secondplace New York by seven games in the AL East, has won 22 of 28. Kamieniecki (9-5) allowed one run, four hits and a walk. He struck out eight, matching his career high, and improved to 3-0 in five starts since July 25.

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Brewers 6, Tigers 0 Jose Mercedes pitched a fourhitter for his first major league

Jeromy Burnitz, Mark Loretta and Jeff Cirillo each hit solo homers as Phil Gamer became the winningest manager in Brewers history. Garner has 423 wins, one more than Tom Trebelham (422-397, 1986-1991).

Mercedes (6-7) struck out five and walked one for his second complete game this season. Willie Blair (13-6) allowed five runs and eight hits to 5% innings.

White Sox 3, Rangers 1 Ozzie Guillen hit a two-run homer in the seventh inning to help visiting Chicago end a fivegame losing streak against Texas. Darren Lewis singled with two outs in the seventh, and Guilleo

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Aguilera (8) and D.Miler, Kamieniecki,
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W-Kamleniecki, 9-5. L-Hawkins, 4-9.
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By.Anderson (14), Berroa (23), R.Palmeiro (29).

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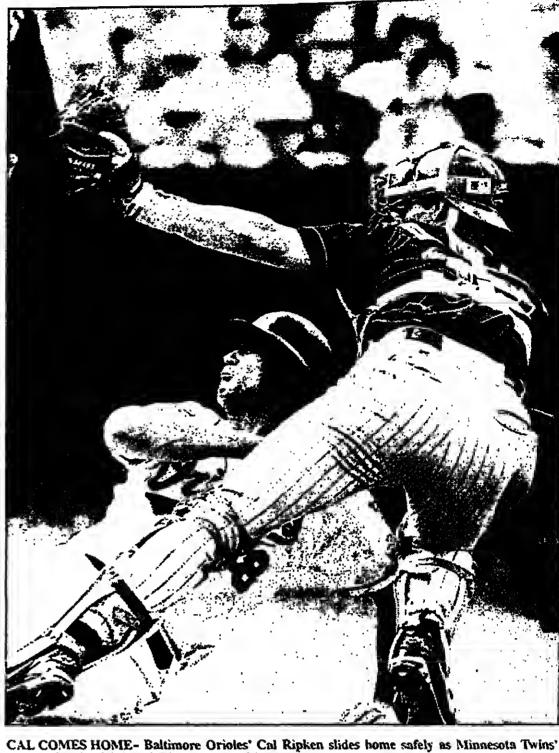
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(15). Anaheim, Hottins (13).

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New York 000 (20 180 - 3 5 1 Seattle 000 (21 20x - 5 7 1 D. Wells and Girard; Cloude, Ayala (7), Tirrilin (9) and Da, Wilson, W - Ayala, 9-4, L - D. Wells, 14-7. Sv - Tirrilin (10), HRs - New York, Curtis (12), Seattle, Buhner (31), Da. Wilson (12).

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Bere, Foulke (7), Karchner (9) and
Fabregas, Helling, Balles (9) and
I-Rodriguez, W - Bere, 2-0. L - Helling, 11. Sv - Karchner (9). HR - Chicago,
O.Guiller (3).

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catcher Damian Miller tries in vain to get him out.

the year and 23rd in 13 seasons in

the majors. Jason Bere (2-0), making his second start since undergoing surgery on his right elbow last September, allowed four hits and struck oul eight in 6% innings. Matt Karchner pitched the ninth

for his ninth save. Texas starter Rick Helling (1-1) took the loss.

NATIONAL LEAGUE Marlins 7, Cardinals 1 Craig Counsell hit a grand slam for his first major-league homer and Kirt Ojala (1-0) carned his first career victory.

Counsell's homer capped a sixrun first inning against Todd Stottlemyre (12-9).

Ojala, making his second career start, allowed five hits and struck out eight before leaving after the first two batters reached in the seventh. The host Marlins are 22 games

above .500 for the first time and within four games of first-place Atlanta in the NL East.

Florida won with Moises Alou. Devoo White, Charles Johnson and Jeff Conine absent from the seven games, also got an RBI with

followed with his third homer of starting lineup. Each had the day

Reds 6, Braves 4 (10) Eduardo Perez hit a two-out, two-run double in the 10th for visiting Cincinnati, which won despite 17 strikeouts by five Adanta pitchers.

The Reds took advantage of three errors to score four unearned

Barry Larkin began the 10th with a pinch-hit single, and Chris Stynes reached on third baseman Chipper Jones' high throw. Perez followed with a double against Chad Fox (0-1). Jeff Shaw (4-2) got the win and

Stan Belinda worked the 10th for his first save. John Smoltz had a season-high 12 strikeouts for Atlanta, but did-

n't figure in the decision. Astros 3, Rockies 1 Mike Hampton pitched a fourhitter and Derek Bell homered as the host Astros stayed three games

ahead of second-place Pittsburgh in the NL Central. Hampton (11-8) won for the eighth time in nine decisions. Bell, 18-for-31 (.581) in his last

Yesterday's AL games: Texas at Milwaukee; Detroit at Minnesota; Boston at Seattle.

Today's AL games: N.Y. Yankees (Pentine 14-7) at Oakland (Oquist 2-3) N. Y. Tankees (Penine 14-7) at Cakind (Oquat 2-3)
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Chicago White Sox [Baldwin 9-13) at Toronto (Person 5-9)
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Detroit (Thompson 11-9) at Minnesota (Robertson 7-11)
Cleveland (Nagy 12-9) at Anaheim (Springer 8-6)
Boston (Avery 6-4) at Seanle (Moyer 13-4)

Yesterday's NL games: Cincinnati at Colorado; Los Angeles at Pittsburgh; San Diego at Philadelphia; San Francisco at N.Y. Mets; Florida at Chicago Cubs; Montreal at St. Louis: Cincinnati at Colorado.

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San Francisco (Alvarez 2-1) at N.Y. Mets (Reed 10-7)
Houston (Reynolds 6-8) at Atlanta (Glavine 11-6)
Florida (Hernandez 7-0) at Chicago Cubs (Baista 0-1)
Montreal (Johnson 1-1) at St. Louis (Osborne 2-6)

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a bases-loaded walk. Colorado starter Jamey Wright (6-10) took the loss.

Dodgers 5. Philadelphia 1 Ismael Valdes (9-10) pitched eight strong innings and drove in a run as visiting Los Angeles moved into first in the NL West.

Todd Zeile's two-run homer sparked a three-run sixth as the Dodgers won their fourth straight and 10th in a row against the Phillies.

Valdes allowed four hits, struck out three and didn't issue a walk. The Dodgers took a 40 lead in the fifth when Mait Beech (2-8) walked Mike Piazza and Zeile connected for his 24th homer.

Padres 3, Mets 2 Pete Smith (5-4) drove in three runs with his second career triple and shut down host New York.

With the bases loaded in the second, Smith sliced a drive down the right-field line, and Butch Huskey missed it with an awkward dive. The ball rolled into the right-field corner as the slow-footed Smith made it to third.

After Brian MeRae's leadoff: single in the first, Smith didn't allow another hit until Huskey's leadoff homer in the seventh. Trevor Hoffman pitched the ninth for his 30th save.

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C.Hemandez: Bohanon, Lidle (8) and
Hundley, W.- P.Smith, 5-4, L.- Bohanon, 33. Sv. - Hoffman (30). HR - New York,
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Blazier (7), R.Harris [9) and Parent,
Lleberthai [9). W - I.Vaides, 9-10. L Beech, 2-8. HRs - Los Angeles, Ec. Young
(7), Zeile (24), Philadelphia, Barron (2).

Houston 102 000 00x - 3 4 0 Jm. Wright, Leskanic (6). DeJean [8] and Manwaring; Hampton and Ausmus. W - Hampton, 11-8, L - Jm. Wright, 6-10. HRs - Colorado, Bichette (19). Houston, DeBall

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Gardner, R.Rodriguez (5), R.Hernandez (6), D.Henry (8), Poole [8), Tavarez (8) and B.Johnson; Lieber, Wallace (7), Sodowsky (8), Christiansen (8), Ruebel (9), M.Wilsons (9) and Osk. W - Christiansen, 2-0, L - D.Henry, 4-5, Sv - M.Wilkins (2), HR - San Francisco.

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(8) and Fleicher: Je.Gonzalez, R.Talis (8)
and Sensie W - Information 10.6 L -(a) and Servais. W - JeGonzalez, R.Talis (a) and Servais. W - JeGonzalez, 10-6. L - C.Perez, 11-10. HRs - Monireal, R.White 120). Chicago. Sandborg 2 (10), Sosa (29), Dunston (9).

St. Louis 000 001 100 - 1 8 17 florida 600 001 00x - 7 9 1 Stottsemyre, Frascalore (6), Beltran I7, C.King (8) and Ottelice, Lampkin (4); Ojals. Poweil (7), Vosberg (9) and Zaun. W - Ojala 1-0, L - Stottlemyre 12-9, HRs - St. Ujala 1-0. L - Stonlemyre 12-9, HRs - St. Louis, Gaetti (14). Florida, Counsell (1).

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Taubensee, J.Oliver (8); Smoltz, Calher
(8), Wohlers (9], C.Fox (10), Embree (10)
and J.Lopez, W.-Shaw, 4-2, L.-C.Fox, 01. Sv. - Belinda (1). HRs - Cincinnati,
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## Splitting hairs

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

Minister Tzahi Hanegbi is looking more dapper these days - and it's not just his well-cut suits that are doing the trick. Haneghi is somewhal more hirsute than he used to be. Those who've noticed are curious to know whether it's a transplant or a toupee.

SOME PEOPLE did a double take when they saw the advertisement for last Saturday night's appearance at the Western Wall hy bewigged bloode hombshell Rebbetzen Esther Jungreis. The last line indicated that admission was free. Did that apply to Conservative and Reform Jews as well? Until last Tisha Be'av, most Jews thought that admission to the Western Wall was free to everyone at any time. For some Jews, there's a toll of bruised bones and

RABBI Moshe Levinger will be one of the keynote speakers at tomorrow's 30th anniversary celebrations of Jewish resettlement in Kiryat Arba and Hebron. Also attending will be Education Minister Zevulun Hammer, Kiryat Arba Rabbi Dov Lior, council chairman Zvi Katzover, former MK Genla Cohen, and entertainers Avihu Medina and Tzemed Re'im. Festivities will be continued on Thursday with a concert by American Hassidic rock singer Avraham Fried.

INTERVIEWING the prime minister's spokesman Shai Bazak in the wake of print media reports that Prime Minister Bioyamin Netanyahu was less than happy about President Ezer Weizman's self-imposed role in political affairs, Channel 2's Aharon Barnea asked: "Aren't you disturbed by the president's political intervention?" Coming from any other anchor or reporter it would have been a perfectly legitimate question, but coming from Barnea it was something else. Before joining Channel 2, Barnea was Weizman's spokesman.

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THEY'RE still playing musical chairs in the broadcasting business. Eliezer Ya'ari, who anchors Channel 1's hard-hitting investigative news-feature program Second Look and occasionally bosts a morning program on Israel Radio, is taking a leave of absence to assume the role of director of The New Israel Fund. Colleague Dudu Gilboa, after completing a year's leave of with Allen's express permission. absence from Israel Television. So what does Soon-Yi get out of where he was head of the news this deal? Maybe love really is

division, to try his hand in the world of public relations, has decided to call it quits and is casting his lot with Channel 2, via Keshet. Gilboa will edit Chaim Yavin's new investigative program, which debuts in December. Dan Margalit, who abandoned Popolinca to return to Keshet, is due to start his new and similar show in November, and Razi Barkai, who anchors Whot's Burning? on Army Radio and Media File on Educational Television, is weighing offers from both Channel 1 and Channel

THE REPEATEDLY deferred visit to Israel hy South African President Nelson Mandela has robbed Ben-Gurion University of the Negev of the opportunity to confer upon him an honorary doctorate in philosophy. Undaunted, and encouraged by the South African Friends of BGU, universipresident Avishai Braverman is leading a delegation to Cape Town to conduct the ceremony in Mandela's own domain. Mandela will be suitably capped and gowned on September 19.

SOME PEOPLE never lose their clout. Feisty, ootspoken Labor Party veteran and Kibbutz Givat Haim member Yitzhak Ben-Abaron, who was Histadrut secretary general from 1969 to 1974 and left in the wake of the Rainoo revolution three years ago, has decided to renew his membership. The return to the fold by the oonagenarian, who still commands a lot of respect, was initiated by current Histadrut secretary-general Amir Peretz, who believes that Beo-Aharon can help beal the current rift between the Histadrut and the Kibbutz Movement.

THE long-time relationship between Woody Allen and Mia Farrow was, to put it mildly, a little strange. Stranger still is the 61-year-old Allen's relationship with his step-daughter Soon-Yi Previn, 26, the adopted daughter of Farrow and condoctor Andre Previn, who preceded Allen in Farrow's affections. After several years of bedding Soon-Yi, Allen has announced his intection to marry ber, but only on condition that she sign an agreement that in the event the marriage fails, she waives all rights to a divorce settlement. The agreement also stipuletes that she will continue to live in her own apartment as did ber mother, will visit Allen's apartment only twice a week, and will speak to her mother only



Allen's prepared to marry Soon Yi - on his terms.

## Critics sober about new wine labels

By CURT ANDERSON

little wine is fine. Numerous health studies have shown that moderate aleohol intake can even reduce the risk of heart disease in some

But the American wine industry's proposal to include new wording on bottle labels referring to the "health effects" of "moderate" wine drinking has spurred criticism by federal health officials that it might be a subtle way to encourage people to imhibe too

The Department of Health and Human Services is urging the Treasury's Bureau of Alcohol. Tobacco and Firearms to delay approval of the labels, which would be permitted on both domestic and imported wines sold

"The proposal under consideration is a thinly disguised attempt to make an affirmative health elaim," said Dr. John M. Eisenberg, acting assistant secre-

"Anti-alcohoi has tried to depict the wine Industry as no different than cigarettes or heroin. We want to improve our image."

—US Wine Institute President John DeLuca

tary for bealth.
"I am deeply concerned that your approval of the label statements in their current form would be construed by the public as encouraging the consumption of alcoholic beverages," Eisenberg said in a letter to ATF Director

Despite the criticism, ATF officials have signaled they are likely to endorse the labels.

Wine labels already contain warnings that women should not drink during pregnancy and that alcoholic beverages can impair driving and cause bealth

To the warning, a label pro-posed by the San Franciscobased Wine Institute adds these words: "To learn the health effects of moderate wine consumption, send for the federal government's Dietary Guidelines for Americans." It gives a mailing address and an Internet web

A second proposal would say: "The proud people who make this wine encourage you to consult your family doctor about the health effects of wine enjoyment." Wine Institute President John DeLuca said the government guidelines discuss both the risks and benefits of drinking alcohol. He-said the proposed wording makes no claims that wine is good for you.

"We're oot saying health benefits, we're saying health effects," he said. "We're not for a hlanket of the liver, car crashes and vio-

endorsement. We think there is a lence, said Michael Jacobson. scientific balance struck in the guidelines, and we should be allowed to disseminate them."

DeLuca acknowledged there would be "some marketing benefits" to the labels, but he said the vintners' true purpose is provid-ing people with a way to obtain government-endorsed information that wine is not all bad.

"The anti-aleohul movement has tried to depict us as no different than cigarenes or heroin," he said. "We want to improve our image." So far, ATF's Magaw has rejected the argument that the labels make any claims about

executive director of the Center for Science in the Public Interest.

"Nobody's going to send away for the dietary guidelines or talk to their doctor - that's irrational," Jacobson said. "The labels will help create a climate that alcoholie beverages are oot a problem."

Deluca maintained, however, that what vinmers really want is a "cultural development" that would make attitudes toward wine in the US more like those in much of Europe, where wine is regularly consumed with meals. even by young children.



Wine with every meal: Too much of a good thing?

health and drinking. In a recent letter to HHS, he indicated that his agency was nearing a decision and would likely approve the change.

They merely direct the consumer to a qualified source of information regarding the health effects of alcohol consumption," Magaw wrote. "Both statements are neutral. Neither statement characterizes health benefits or

ATF's apparent willingness to endorse the lebels has outraged some anti-alcohol and health groups, who want studies done to determine how consumers might perceive the new wording.

The labels might call to a coosumer's mind positive publicity ebout the link between alcohol consumption and reduced heart disease, but not about alcohol's negative links to cancer, cirrhosis

"Our science is only catching up with the wisdom of other cul-

tures," he said. "This is only an

educational tool."

## **Home Front** The rocky road down the aisle By Allison Kaplan Sommer

The stress was palpable even across international telephone lines. It was my friend Sharon calling from New York, where she was in the threes of a unique state which, if we are hicky, occurs only once in a lifetime. The condition is called High

Wedding Anxiety.
Every year as Tu Be av, the holiday of love, unleashes the onslaught of the local wedding sea son, the air is filled with the joys of matrimony. It is all supposed to sweep you along on e wave of nostalgia, dreaming of the beautiful day you got married and feeling a bit wistful that you will never be the center of attention the way you were as a bride.

Do I remember my wedding day fondly? Of course. Would 1 relive my wedding day if I could? Sure. But would I touch the six months leading op to my wedding with a 10-foot pole? No way. This feeling was reinforced, as I listened patiently to Sharon, whose wedding is

attend it like a guest, blissfully unaware of any of the behind-thescenes ministrations. You can enjoy it as an outsider, not an insider. Some people I know have done this. They live in Israel, decided to get married back in the US, and let their parents do all the planning. They had a great time. But most of us, unfortunately fall somewhere in between. We plan most of it, don't pay for a lot of it. and therefore have to respect everyone's opinion. And weddings involve issues on which everyone has e strong opinion - money, religion, food, music, and expensive

If, during the process of planning a large wedding, you consider call-ing the whole thing off at least once, you're not abnormal. Another perfectly normal and common fantasy is just to forget the whole production and run off and elope.

But I'm glad my husband and I went through with it. The silly arguments over whether we must have a band with a saxophone that played Motown (we did), wbether

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"I don't get it. I thought the wedding was supposed to be about me and my fiance," she moaned. "But everyone else seems to think it's

That's the rub of planning your wedding. You are making more choices in a shorter period of time than you have ever done, regarding an event that is as important to your relatives as it is to you. Everything is a negotiation: first between you and your parmer, then with both sets of parents - not to mention siblings, uncles, aunts, grandparents, and sometimes even strongminded friends and distant cousins.

I felt as if brokering Middle East peace must be more simple than coming up with a dress, a location, a rabbi, a menu, flowers, music, and photographers that could make everybody happy. Let's not kid ourselves: Much of the reason wedding decision-making is so stressful is that it all involves money — lots of money, and usually, the money is not all yours. Planning a wedding would be much simpler I would imagine, if, for example, one were a self-made millionairess. Then you could take everyone clse's preferences into account but in the end, create precisely the kind of wedding you want with a clear conscience. Or the other extreme - if you let go, let one set of parents plan and pay for the whole thing and you just show up and

the dinner would be a buffet or a sit-down (buffet), whether I would spend an unreasonable amount of money on a dress that made me look fabulous (I did) prepared us for years of joint decision-making. The key to success at our wedding? On the eve of the event, we looked at each other and took a vow: No matter what went wrong on that day, we would be happy and have a wonderful time; we vowed not to let anything spoil our joy.

And nothing did. Not the parts of the hall the florist forgot to decorate, not the corny Fiddler on the Roof music that the pianist insisted on playing despite our explicit objections, not even the fact that my husband came down with the flu and was running an incredibly high fever during the ceremony (to this day, he questions whether his wedding vows were valid, since he was on so much medication when he took them).

So today, as I attend this year's batch of nuptials as a perfectly passive spectator, I remember the process of creating a wedding as being the last hurdle in a marathon obstacle course. After a great deal of effort, you make it through the event, panting, sweating, tired, but happy - you feel you accomplished something significant. You are officially married. And that's when the real work begins.

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DEAR RUTHIE

## Younger man, old guilt trip

By RUTHEE BLUM



ear Ruthie, I am o 50-yearold with a boyfriend who is 35. I am flattered that someone so much younger is interested in me. I olso enjoy our physical relation-

ship. But I am embarrassed by him in public, particularly in front of my children. I feel as though people are staring at me and pointing behind my back about my having a gigolo. Also, he is not that bright, so when he speaks about certain topics I can imagine my friends rolling their eyes. I think this means I should stop seeing this man, but on the other hand, he makes me feel

16 again. What can I do? Gigolo Joyful Somewhere in Israel

Dear Gigolo Joyful. Pinpointing the source of distress is usually the hardest part of solving a problem, since the source is often precisely the thing that our unconscious hides from

In your case, self-awareness the dialogue between your unconscious and your conscious seems to be quite high. You are fortunate to be able to look the monster" in the face before attempting to conquer it.

It is clear that certain elements of your relationship with this man are incredibly pleasing and satisfactory, while others provoke shame at worst, and discomfort at best. The best solution to this problem, then, would be to hold on to the aspect of the union that you crave, and discard what makes you cringe. Try minimizing contact between this man and your children and frieods, while maximizing private encounters.

My husband's sister has been taking antidepressant medication since she was in her early teens. Apparently this begon after o series of what the family euphemistically refers to os

"unpleasant episodes." I do not know exactly what kind of medicine it is, but I know that

when she fails to take it she has additionol "unpleasant episodes," which - on two occasions since I've been in the family - have led to her hospitaliza-

My dilemma is connected to my sister-in-law's impending marrioge. The family has been in a euphoric state over the engagement to a guy she met a few months ago. It's understandable that her parents should want her to have o "normal" life. But what troubles me is that they have some kind of unspoken pact about not telling her fiancé about her mental illness.

I think this is o big mistake, and I said so to my in-laws o couple of weeks ago. They were upset with me for interfering and swore me to secrecy about their daughter. I agreed, but I have o sinking feeling. I figure that writing you. anonymously is not like breaking my promise - especially since nobody involved in this issue knows English. What can you

Family Tred Somewhere in Israel

Though you may be correct in wanting to persuade your in-laws

Dear Family Tied,

to reveal this problem, it is not your place do so without their permission. Eventually, the groomto-be will find out about his future wife's illness, since she will not be able to hide her dealings with her medication forever. Furthermore, during this pre-

wedding period - which is stressful for all brides-to-be your sister-in-law is especially likely to have an unpleasant episode." If she does, you have oo cause to feel hurdened by information that is not really yours to share. If she does not, she will be forced, nevertheless, to let the cat out of the bag at some point, especially if she intends to have children. Hopefully, her doctors will be keeping tabs on her physical and emotional state throughout the current period, and later.

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## Oasis takes the crown

By DAVID BRINN

asis's Noel Gallagher doesn't have a lot to say, hut he sure knows how to say it. The flamboyant British band's third full-length alhum is a tour de force of Gallagher's immense writing and production talents and his brother Liam's virtuoso vocal performances.

For those who considered Oasis's first two efforts nothing more than Beatles rip-offs by a hunch of uncultured louts, Be Here Now will unlikely change opinions. Because it is more of the same - only richer, deeper and more intense. The Bic-heldaloft variety sing-along anthems are more addictive, the rock 'n' roll is more hlustery, and they're all showered in an over-the-top wall of sound that Phil Spector would be proud of.

Be Here Now is one hig, loud statement, from the purposeful first single "D'You Know What I Mean?" to the orchestrated ninemioute epic "All Around the World." The Gallaghers know how to pour old whiskey into a new bottle, and aside from the hlatant "All the Young Dudes" tribute in the chorus of "Stand hy they manage lo oeatly dress the past up in oew clothes.

> BE HERE NOW Oasis (NMC)

RISE OH ISRAEL

COIL Toad the Wet Sprocket

The sound is so overwhelming that the simplistic lyrics (basically variations on everything will be OK, please doo't leave me, let's make the world a hetter place) don't detract from the excitement, especially when sung with Liam's unique mix of Lennooesque clarity and

Rottenesque sneer. So few hands these days are larger than life, the way the Beatles and the Stones were in their heyday. Oasis, with its rock-star ohnoxiousoess, brash cockiness, and superlative songs to back them up, are the clear heirs to their thrones.

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Tower Records' top-selling albums for last week

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joh has been to take over the Beatles' task of making the country (Britain) feel good. And these are definitely feel-good songs, songs that will sound perfect sung by thousands in stadi-ums. No doubt about it, Oasis will finally conquer America after a stand-offish courtship until now. There hasn't been a more impressive rock record released this year

ROOTS Afrika is a local twotone reggae band making waves in Tel Aviv with its inspired live performances. Its recorded debut Rise Oh Israel is a houncing high-spirited reggae fest, fueled hy guitarist/writer Derick Rose and singer Emanuel Yerday, two transplanted Jamaicans.

Treading the familiar lyrical paths of Bahylon, liberation and reward, the hand adds nothing new to the reggae tradition but practices its craft with respect and admiration for that tradition. When it gets into a groove, watch for Boh Marley smiling behind your back.

BAD name, great band. Toad the Wet Sprocket is an American guitar quartet that has stood on the fringes of commercial success since its first record in

Too tasteful and level-headed to be alternative, and not quite distinctive enough to set it apart from countless other hands which stress songeraft, iotelligeot execution, and heart, Toad has maintained a not small cult following which has grown with each release. Graduates of the R.E.M. - Gin Blossoms school of "soogs first - image second," the band and its oew alhum. Coil, are ripe for a hig breakout.

Featuring Iwo guitarists/ singers/writers in Glen Phillips and Todd Nichols, Toad is hrimmiog with hooks, harmonics, and musical ideas. Nichols offers some amazing lines and accents on his guitar, and the frequent mix of acoustic and electric guitars propels the music forward.

So why aren't they stars? My theory is that the only thing that's holding the hand back is its seriousness. There is a noticeable lack of light-heartedness, which may put listeners off at first or prevent them from checking out the band at all. Maybe it should change its name to U2. One early British review of the get some had haircuts, and alhum said that Oasis's primary release an alhum called Pop.

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Oasis's guiding light Noel Gallagher looks for inspiration in '78' recordings designed for old-fashioned gramophones.

## CLASSIC DISCS

## Mustonen's must-hear collection

By MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

lli Mustoneo is undoubtedly one of the greatest young musicians performing today. I have become familiar with his artistry over the years and always was fascinated by his total commitment to whatever he was doing. I have heard him play in numerous chamber-music concerts and twice as a soloist with the Symphony

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Orchestra-IBA. He recently made a successful debut with the IPO, playing the Grieg piano concerto.

Mustonen's recordings are as engaging as his performances. In both one realizes that he is not one of the numerous flashy pianists who is interested only in outer appearances and circuslike virtuosity. Mustonen is a thinking pianist who usually plays the standard repertoire in new, somewhat different ways than one is accustomed to. This is obvious in the concern hall and on disc too.

Mustonen's choice of recorded reperioire is revealing as well. His close to 10 discs do not yet include the ohvious piano concerti warhorses in the repertoire. The only concerti disc he has at the moment is the one coupling the Grieg with Chopin's first (Decca 444 518-2), with Herbert Bloomsledt conducting the San Francisco

Orchestra. The Chopin is anything out the romantic concerto we are used to, it is much more profound and much more introveried and classic in style, as well as being most compelling. The Grieg is devoid of flashy romanticism as well. Rather Mustonen delves deep into the music and presents it as if we have never heard it before.

Mustonen is thinking throughout; he does not do things differently for the sake of heing different, he does whatever he does because he simply believes

Actually there is one more orchestral disc to Mustonen's credit. In it he couples Bach's D major keyhoard concerto (an arrangement of the composer's violin concerto io E), which he conducts from the keyhoaro, with Beethoven's D major piano concerto, that is actually the piaco arrangement of the violio concerto.

The coupling is engaging, the Bach sounds much more authentic than many so-called authentic performances and the Beethoven is sweeping in its



Pianist Olli Mustonen shies away from commercialism.

swift playing and floating romantic lyricism (Decca 443 11g-2).

One of the most eogaging Mustooen discs is the onc featuring Shostakovich's second piano trio (with Joshua Bell and Steven Isserlis), which is simply mesmerizing in the way they

Also on the disk is Messiaen's Quortet for the End of Times, in which the three are joined by clarinetist Steven Collins (Decca 452 g99-2).

Both works are performed with utter sincerity, devotion and intensity.

In the Shostakovich the familiar heaviness and doom are replaced with something that has much more space to breath without harming the power of the piece, while the Messiaen is as beguiling in its overt dramatic playing.

Mustonen joins Bell in a disc of three works for piano and violin hy Prokofiev. They play the two sonatas and the five melodies with passion, devotion, expansive sound and the total commitment to the music empeated from them (Decca 440) 926-2).

Mustonen's solo discs are also not that ohvious in their choice

of repertoire. But the one featuring the Opus 34 preludes hy Shostakovich and the Opus 31 preludes hy Alkan suggest that he shies away cooscientiously from pure commercialism (Decca 433 055-2). His Beethoven disc with dances, hagatelles and variations features little-knowo Beethoven masterpieces performed in a very romantic and sweeping

way (Decca 452 206-2). Pictures of on Exhibition (Decca 436 255-2) is one of his hest albums, a mesmerizing contemplative affair which is totally remote from the customary showy reading of this work. a performance devoid of sheer sound, a performance that is much more than beauty of tone and large sound.

It is a performance that suggests that this opus has much more in it than actually meets the eye.

The disc also includes a touching performance of Tchaikovsky's Children's Album and Balakirev's Islonev played in a most contemplative way.

All this is Mustonen the performer. But there is also

Mustonen the composer, who is as engaging if not more so.

The disk of his compositions (Finlandia 4509-95g60-2) is one of the most exciting collections of music I have heard in a long time. It features nine works rangiog in style and form, most

solo piano works and one very captivating and touching fantasy for piano and orchestra. Listening to this disc. one can grasp many things about

Mustonen the performer. Like the pianist in him, the composer in Muslonen is searching for new way to express himself, yet in contrast to the pianist, the composer is clearly influenced by past masters, from Bach onwards, playing homage to them and using their music as a point of departure to continue in his own personal way. It is a disc no music lover can afford to miss. It's a real joy, a collection of perfect Scottish capital.

## **Jance** in real time

By HELEN KAYE

eality, gritty or glorious, seems to be the theme of the four companies making up this year's Mahol Bemishkan series, or Dance at the Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center.

The participating companies are Batsheva Dance, the Frankfurt Ballet, the Ballet Preljocaj, and Meryl Tankard Australian Dance Theatre, Each will present a full-length modern dance work.

The series starts November 26 with the world premiere of a new, and as yet unnamed, work hy Ohad Naharin for his Baisheva Dance Company (BD). Excerpts from the piece will premiere at the Nederlands Dance Theater (NDT) the preceding month, but Israel will get the entire banquet as part of BD's salute to the country's 50th hirthday. The music and it is an integral part of the piece - is performed by the innovative Orkaier, a duo of Dutch musicians,

Local audiences know choreographer Angelin Preljocaj from the work he has done with BD. Last year he formed his own company and is making his TAPAC debut in January with a revised version of his 1990 Romen and Juliet to Prokofiev's music with a running commentary of special soond effects. This take is set in a futuristic Blade Runner-type city, where the Capulets and the Montagues are locked in a desperate battle for survival.

William Forsythe's Frankfurt Ballet returns to TAPAC with Eidos-Telos which roughly means "the form-the goal." Forsythe's dazzlers are not story hallets. He is concerned with time and mortality, and he stretches his dancers to their physical limits.

Based in Adelaide, Tankard's company has been making waves in Europe with Furioso, built around the ritual of the malefemale relationship. Tankard her-self danced with Pina Bausch, but this is the company's debut in

Tickets to BD are about 35% cheaper than to the visiting dance companies. A season ticket (four) costs from NIS 472 to NIS 672. Single tickets range from NIS 70 10 NIS 210. There are also twoand three-show package deals.

## Gary wins big at Edinburgh

By JAMES FORRESTER

ritish actor Gary Oldman's B first venture into movie-making won the top award on Sunday at the 51st Edinburgh film festival.

Oldman's Nil by Mouth, a view of working-class alcoholism and domestic violence in south London, won the Channel Four Director's Award, one of several British films honored there.

A close runner-up was a controversial film about a cystic fibrosis sufferer who blots out his agony through masochistic self-mutilation.

The awards were presented by Scottish actor Sean Connery and Michael Caine, both stars of the late John Huston's film The Man Who Would Be King, which was screened in the final event of the festival. Huston once described the Edinburgh event as "the only festival worth a damn."

Other winners included Under the Skin, a first feature by British director Carine Adler, about a young woman's response to her mother's death from cancer.

Adler's film won the Michael Powell Award for best new British film, heating off tough competition from 1g eotries. including Mrs. Brown, in which Judi Dench plays Queen Victoria, and Scots comedian Billy Connolly her faithful servant John Brown, and Wilde, in which Stephen Fry plays out the life of the 19th-century wit and dramatist Oscar Wilde.

The only foreign winner was Weonesoar 19.7.1961, a documentary hy Victor Kossakovsky ahout 50 boys and 51 girls hom in Leningrad on the same day as he was.

Festival Director Lizzie Francke said that 1997 was the most successful year so far for the world's longest-running film

festival. Box office sales were up around 10 percent and screeoings had, for the first time, used every movie theater io the

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FESTIVAL

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

There are more than a few musical gems in the Kesem Shel Agada (Magical Summer) festival at the Suzanne Dellal Center in Tel Aviv over the next three days.

Today (5 and 7) there is a new rock/ethnic music version of Aladdin, while Thursday (5 & 7:30) there is a new version of Cioderella with seveo actors and 20 puppets, set to an operatic score. The music was written by Avi Benyamin, ooe Israel's most invigorating theatrical composers.

#### TELEVISION

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After leaving his rather cushy spot as host of Channel 1's Friday entertainment show, host Yair Lapid moves to a daily spot on weeknights on the Family Channel.

Lapid, a rather talented journalist, hosts Yair Lapid Live at 10, at 10 p.m., which aims at being a kind of local Larry King Live. He will host one or two guests with whom be will talk about all sorts of issues. from politics to gossip and entertainment. Yossi Siyas's increasingly popular Love Story will continue to follow at 10:30 p.m.



Rowan Atkinson brings his zany humor to 'Mr. Bean.'

FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN

\*\*\* BEAN - British comic Rowan Atkinson has lopsided eyes, big flaps for ears, almost no chin, and a sharp beak of a cose that slopes to a perilons point. His jaggedly disproportionate features seem expressly designed to help him make funny faces, and in the new film based on his popular TV character, he has ample opportunity to do just that. Bit for bit, Bean is constructed of some of the zaniest and most delightful physical comedy of the last several years, although attempts to recount this humor in words ("and then he puts a turkey in the microwave...") are bound to come up short, reducing the quirky comic logic of Bean's bearing to a laundry list of predictable and abrupt-sonnding gags. Most of these routines, though, build gradually, ingeniously, through a carefully choreographed progression of actions and reactions, ofteo of Bean to bimself. Directed by Mel (The Tall Guy) Smith, and written by Richard Curtis and Robin Driscoll (both veterans of Mr. Bean), the film takes shape as a byperbolic whirlwind tour of L.A., where the very English Mr. Bean seems even more profoundly out of place than usual. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. General audiences.)











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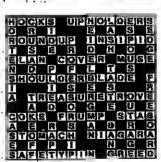
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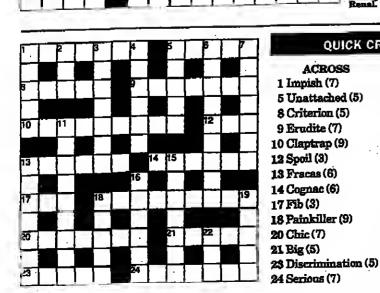
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## SOLUTIONS



Yesterday's Quick Solution ACROSS: 1 Brake, 4 In-off, 10 Staunch, 11 Viole, 12 Layer, 13 Melange, 15 Elbz, 17 Dowdy, 15 Shrod, 22 Rhea, 25 Traches, 27 Byron, 29 Flier, 39 Detente, 31 Inane, 32 Still. DOWN: 2 Ready, 8 Kindred, 5 Novel, 6 Flounce, 7 Faalm, 2 Thumb, 9 Later, 14 Esse, 16 Lyre, 18 Ovation, 20 Habitat, 21 Stiff, 23 Handy, 24 Angel, 26 Horon, 28 Renal.



## QUICK CROSSWORD

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10:00 Eric's World 10:30 The Intrepids 11:00 A Matter of Time 11:35 Hot Science 12:10 Wilderness Edge 13:00 Cartoons (rpt) 15:10 The Story of Read Alee-Deed Alee

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Dinosaur 15:50 Super Ben 18:00 Heartbreak High 16:45 Super Ben 16:50 Zappy Prize 18:59 A New Evening 17:34 Zappy Wave 17:50 Garfield 18:10 Super Ben 18:15 News in English

ARABIC PROGRAMS 18:30 Apropo 19:00 News HEBREW PROGRAMS

19:30 News fash 19:31 Cosby 20:00 News 20:50 Lotto draw --20:55 The Philharmonic in the Park - the IPO, con-ducted by Daniel Oran, including aries by Verdi, Puccini, Bizet and Rossini 22:05 The People's Century 23:00 Dream On 23:30 News 00:00 Daily Verse

**ECHANNEL 2** 

6:15 Today's Programs 6:30 Gargoyles 7:00 Collee with Tel-Ad 9:00 The Devil and Max Devin (1981) – a man killed in a traffic accident makes a deal with the Devil. With Effort Gould and Bitt Cosby 10:40 Cartoons

11:00 Carmen: a Different Beet - original rock opera based on Mérimée's Carmen, set in 1990s Israel, Part 2 12:00 Tush Tush 13:00 Platius 13:30 The Fresh Prince of Bel Air 14:00 Degrassi Jr High 14:30 Tic Tac 15:00 Aladdin 16:00 The Bold and

18:50 The sold and the Beautiful 18:50 Different Driving 17:00 News magazine 17:30 Twenty Plus 18:00 Thirtysomething 19:00 America's Funniest People 19:20 The Price is Right 20:00 News 20:30 Glitter 22:00 Merriage Tel Aviv Style (Hebrew, 1979) — a miser looks for a a mear nocks for a wealthy wife, while his son gels into debt and his daughter falls preg-nant, With Tuvia Tzafir, Mirl Alont, Sassi

Keshet, Yosef Shiloah and Gila Almagor. 00:00 News 00:05 Midnight Short 00:35 Herman's Head 1:00 Jazz at the Red Sea 1996 - Courtney Paine 2:00 Mysteries of Deep 18:30 Local Broadcast

19:15 The Young and Space 3:00 On the Edge of the Shelf the Restless 19:40 Bevery Hills 90210 **EJORDAN TV** 

14:00 Holy Koran 14:00 Holy Koran
14:35 French programs
15:00 Square One TV
15:30 Doghouse
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18:10 French programs
18:00 News in French
19:30 News headlines
19:35 Coach
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**MIDDLE EAST TV** 

7:00 TV Shoo 14:30 700 Club 15:00 Gerbert 15:30 Urban Peasant 15:30 Urban Peasant 16:00 Larry King 17:00 Family Challenge 17:45 Beakman's World 18:10 Perfect Strangers 18:35 Saved by the Bell 19:00 Showbiz 19:30 World News Tonight (Arabic) 20:00 Showcase 20:50 Amazing Grace and Chuck (1987) — athletes amound the

and Chuck (1987) — athletes around the world follow the lead of a Little League base-bell star and stop play-ing until the world agrees to nuclear dis-armament. With Jamie Lea Curtis and Gregory Pack. Directed by Mike Newell Newell 23:00 CNN 23:30 The 700 Club 00:00 Quantum Shopping

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16:00 Power Rangers 16:30 Playing With Fire 17:30 Panel discussion 18:00 The Tyrant 19:00 News in Arabic 19:30 Doctors Talk

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21:30 The Onedin Line
21:50 Montpernasse
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22:50 Death of an
Expert Witness – part 4

CHANNEL (3)

7:00 Good Evening with Guy Pines (rpt) 7:30 Love Story with Yossi Siyes 8:00 Dallas (rpt) 9:00 One Life to Live 9:45 The Young and the Restless 10:30 Days of Our Lives (rpt) 11;15 Zingara (rpt) 12:00 Barnaby Jones 12:45 The Commish 13:40 Wings 14:00 Delles (rpt) 14:50 Days of Our Lives

Children 20:45 Roseanne 21:15 Cosby Show 21:45 Different World III SECOND 15:40 Ricki Lake (rpt)

22:00 An Angel at My Table (1990) - Novelist Janet Frame spent eight years in a mental

20:25 The Other Half 20:50 Deep Blue 21:35 The Drew Carey Show - new season 22-00 Yair Lapid at 10 22:30 Love Story with Yossi Siyas 23:00 Seinfeld (rpt) 23:25 Babylon 5 (rpt) 00:15 The Streets of San Francisco 1:05 Barnaby Jones E MOYE CHANNEL (4)

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11:30 At the Midnight Hour (1995) - a young woman comes to work for a handsome scientist in a remote castle 13:05 Seeing Stars 13:55 Exile (1994) — a young man accused of theit is exiled to 8 desert island 15:35 Against Their WR (1994) - an ex-con

Will (1994) — an ex-con fights to expose abuse by prison authorities. With Judish Light and Stacy Keach 17:05 New in the Cinema 17:20 The Lemon Grove (1994) — a lemon grower's life is turned around by an turned around by an unexpected quest. With JoBeth Williams 18:50 Dancing in the Dark (1995) — a woman is assaulted by her father-in-law and her husband refuses to

believe her. With Victoria Principal 20:20 Ranger, Cook and a Hole in the Sky (1995) (rpt) 22:00 The Chase (1994) – a falsely accused prisoner

escaces and lódnaos the daughter of California's richest 23:30 Trial by Jury (1994) (rpt) 1:20 Orphans (1987) -

two brothers kidnap an aging gangster With Matthew Modine, Kevin Anderson and Albert Finney 3:15 Rapa Nui (1994) Hollywood version of a battle between Easter

E CHILDREN (6) 6:30 Cartoons

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7:00 VIP 7:30 NBC Nightly News 8:00 MSNBC News 9:00 Today 10:00 European 17:25 Hot Air Balloon 18:00 Moesha 18:20 Animaniacs Squawk Box 11:00 European 18:30 Hot Air Balloon Money Wheel 15:30 CNBC US Squawk Box 17:00 Wine Cellar 19:00 Hugo 19:30 Helen and the Guys 19:56 Three's Company 20:20 Married with 17:30 Dream Builders 18:00 The Site 19:00 National

Geographic Tel - Living Treasures of Japan 20:00 The Ticket 20:30 VIP

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nospital after being misdiagnosed as a schizophrenic. With Kerry Fox. (160 mins.)

**STAR PLUS** SCHANNEL 8 6:00 Open University 8:05 Far Flung Floyd: Bangliok (rpt) 8:35 Travelogue (rpt) 9:00 World of Wine: 7:30 The Wonder Years 8:00 Oprah Winfrey 9:00 E! TV 9:30 Yan Can Cook 10:00 Nine to Five Port and Madeira (rpt) 9:30 Romeo and Julie 10:55 Orleo ed Euridice 10:30 The X-Files 11:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 12:00 Santa Barbara 13:00 WWF 12-20 Ultrascience: Impossible dreams 12:50 Healthy Body 13:20 Future Quest: Superstars 14:00 The Wonder Years 14:30 Arts Undate

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1:30 NBC Nightly News 2:00 Tonight Show (rpt)

1:00 Later

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23:25 Open University 18:00 English League Soccer 19:00 Tel Aviv Basketball Tour 23:00 Fabulous World III NRC SUPERCHANNEL 6:00 Travel Xpress 6:30 The Ticket of Speed 23:30 National League Basketball -roundup

**EUROSPORT** 9:30 Equestrian: Nations Cup 10:30 Soccer. Berlusconi Trophy, Italy - Milen vs. Juvenius Turin 12:00 Eurogoals 13:00 Touring Car 14:00 Wheeles

14:30 Water Sid World Cup 15:00 Powerlifting World Games 16:00 Canoeing: Flatweier Racing World Championship 17:30 Cycling: Track

19:30 Tug-of-War World Games

World Cup 18:30 Tractor Pulling

21:00 Powerliting World Games 22:00 Body Building World Games 23:00 Boxing 1:00 Equestran: Nations Cup 2:00 Sailing Magazine

STAR SPORTS 6:00 Motorcycling: Asia-Pacific Road

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7:00 Trans World Sport
8:00 Table Tennis:
Australian Open
10:00 Asian Sports
10:30 Omega Tour
12:30 US Open (rpt)
18:00 Table Tennis:
Australian Open Australian Open 18:00 US Open Live 23:00 Sports India 23:30 Omega Tour 00:30 Table Tennis: Australian Open

News on the hour 7:30 Window on Europe 8:00 Newsdesk 9:30 Hard Talk (rpt) 10:30 Window on

BBC WORLD

Europe (rpt) 11:30 Jeremy Clarkson's Motorworld 12:30 Hard Talk (rpt) 13:30 Tomorrow's World (rpt) 14:00 Newsdesk 15:30 Window on Europe (rpt) 16:15 World Business 16:30 Asia-Pacific Newshour

17:30 The Travel Show 18:30 Hard Talk 19:30 Airport (rpt) 20:00 The World Today 21:30 Hard Task (rpt) 22-30 BBC Reporte 23:30 Flavours of India: Goa 00:00 Newsdesk 1:00 Asia Today

2:10 Newsnight **E**ČNN INTERNATIONAL

News through the day 6:30 Pinnacle Report 7:30 Insight 8:30 Moneyline (rpt) 9:30 World Sport 10:30 Showbiz Today 11:30 CNN Newsroom 12:30 World Report 13:30 American Edition 13:46 Q&A (rpt)

American Edition

14:00 Asian News 14:30 World Sport (rpt) 15:15 Asian News 15:30 Business Asia 16:00 Larry King Live 17:30 World Sport (rpt) 18:30 Asia Today 19:30 Q&A 20:45 American Edition 21:00 World Business

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> RADIO **EVOICE OF MUSIC**

6:06 Morning Concert 9:05 Rimsky-Korsakov; Suite from The Golden Cockerel; Tcheikovsky: Suite no 1 in D minor for suite no 13; Elgar; Violin concerto in B minor; Noam Sheriff: Sephardi Passion; Copland: Symphonic Ode 12:00 Light Classical — Morart Fine Marie Mozart: Eine kleine Nachtmusik; Aleasandro Rolla: Concertino in E flat

for viola and strings; R. Strauss; Burleske in D minor 13:00 Artist of the Week Thomas Demenga, Bach; Suite no 4 in E list for cello solo BWV 1010; Holliger, Duo for violin and cello

14:06 Encore - Chausson 15:00 From the Recording Studio – Mario Danielson, Monica Gorten. 16:00 My Concert with Arnos Keinen 18:00 New CDs - M. Weinberg: Symphony no 16; Gretchannov: Peace on Early mass, Shosta-

kovich: Symphony no 14 20:05 From The World's Concert Halls – (1) Slovenian Radio Symphony Orch., Slovenian Radio Choir, Consortium Musicum Choir. Brahms: Rhapsody

## MOVIES

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## By ARYEH DEAN COHEN, JOE CHARLAFF and Itim

Police and border police yesterday removed homeless families who had occupied 114 apartments at the Mevasseret Zion absorption center near Jerusalem, arresting 12 people in the process.

After heing briefed Sunday night, approximately 1,000 policemen and border policemen gathered at Jerusalem's Teddy Stadium before proceeding to Mevasseret Zion.

The highly organized operation began at about 9:30 in the morning, when some of the families were still sleeping, and many of the men had already left

Bosmat Aharjel, 19, a mother of a week-old bahy and whose husband was in hospital, said the police entered while she was sleeping and broke her television set. When her mother-in-law tried to make her some coffee, she found the police had already

turned off the gas.
Dudu Meru, 32, said: "We're going directly from the apart-ments to the sidewalks. We broke in here because we have no place else to go, so we're putting our stuff right here on the sidewalk. Then we plan to break into schools that have been prepared for the openiog of the school year, so that at least we bave a roof over our heads."

He added: "I woke up and heard police cars, helicopters, horses and loud walkie-talkies.

We got very scared. The police broke down the door without knocking. The last time they came, they announced it on a londspeaker. This time they came with horses and knocked the doors down, grahbed us and took us outside by force."

Many of the squatters com-plained that police did not even give them time to get dressed, and forcibly removed them. Many of the women and children were in nightgowns or pajamas.

A number managed to remove their possessions before the police arrived. Some took their helongings to the homes of their parents who live nearby, while others were still on the street. The homeless originally took

over the apartments in mid-June and were evicted on July 3, but later returned to the center. A police spokesman said oo violence was encountered and the squatters were being brought

in to the local police station for questioning. An official at the Mevasseret Zion local council said the council was not involved in the evacuatioo, and had been trying to

find a solution for the problem. A Jewish Agency spokesman noted that the High Court of Justice is to hear a petition today from the agency about the failure to evacuate the squatters.

The spokesman said that while the agency is sympathetic with the plight of the homeless, their situation could oot be resolved by breaking into places inteoded for new immigrants.



Border policemen cut the window bars of an apartment occupied by squatters in Mevasseret Zion yesterday.

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"The solving of the nation's immigrants, who are an imporsocial problems cannot come at tant element in the strength of Israel," the spokesman said.

He said many of the squatters were not homeless at all. The spokesman praised the police

efforts, but added that the Jewish Agency was sorry no fitting solution had been found for the homeless among the squatters. either by the local council or other bodies.

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## Winning cards

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In yesterday's first Chance clubs. In the second drawing drawing (275/97), the winning (276/97), the winning cards were the nine of spades, the queen of hearts, the nine of diamonds and the jack of clubs.

#### NEWSLINE

#### with Barbara Epstein

Barbara Epstein is director of Community Advocacy/Genesis, a grassroots group that lobbies for social rights and helps people learn of and access entidements.

Who is entitled to housing assistance? Every young couple is entitled to a government-supported mortgage. The amount, however, is continuously updated, and now stands at around NIS 70,000. Most low-income families are not able to use this mortgage to buy an apartment, because they don't have additional money of their own, or help from parents to take out an additional morte Because of this, there are a number of supplementary programs that help, depending on the number of points a family accrues. Points are awarded on the basis of the oumber of children that the couple's parents had, the number of years the family has gone without housing, and how many children are in the family. This is often a Catch-22 situation - the worse the condition you are in, the more help you are entitled to, and so the most mortgage assistance is offered to those who can least afford to take advantage of it.

There is also a very limited supply of public housing for people with very low incomes, and extremely low-rent housing for families with three or more children who earn less than NIS 3,400 shekels a month. They have to be a family or a single parent with three or more children. So as you can see, there are a lot of people who fall between the cracks. The working poor, earning the minimum wage, have no way of getting

What about renting?

The Israeli housing market is based on ownership; there is no real rental market. Private housing rentals rare, the market is very tight and prices are very high. Government rental subsidies, limited to three years, are given to some of the poor, on the premise that at the end of that period, a family will have saved enough to huy a flat. But rents are so high that even with the subsidy there is no way a poor family can save enough for a down payment.

There were media reports that the Mevasseret squatters had nice cars and cellular phones. Some people have implied that they are simply spoiled, insisting on living in the expensive Jerusalem area instead of moving somewhere else.

Just because you can't afford an apartment doesn't mean you can't afford to buy a car. After all, you still need to get to work, to get your children around. As for cellular phones, people without a permanent place to live have to have cellular phones so that people can reach them. I've also heard people claim that it is less costly to keep a cellular phone than a regular line.

As for geography, when you are talking about members of the working poor, extended family support is vital. They often depend on their family for child care, for Shabbat meals, for other kinds of help. It is much easier for any skilled professional to go live in Dimona for a couple of years. A teacher for example, can go live in the periphery and ple of years. A teacher, for example, can go live in the periphery and teach, and then come back to the center of the country once he or she has saved some money. But what are non-professional, non-skilled workers going to do once they've moved to a cheap apartment in Dimona? How many delivery men, how many nannies can find work in Dimona? For most, unless there is a factory job waiting, such a move would simply

## British attack victim praises police

Charlotte Gibh, the British hitchhiker who was shot and wounded two weeks ago during an attack in which her boyfriend, Jeffrey Hunter, was killed sent a letter of appreciation yesterday to Negev District police commend-

ing them for solving the crime. Police on Friday arrested Daniel Okev, 45, of Even Yehuda, a major in the IDF reserves, who has reportedly confessed to killing Hunter, 22, and wounding Gibh, 20 after giving them a ride north of Eilat on August 13.

"I express my heartfelt appreciation for the work put in by the commander of the district and the team of investigators in order to find the person who shot me and my friend," Gibb wrote. "I very much appreciate what you did and must point out that I did not think that you would catch him so quickly.

"I can only explain this by your professionalism. My words are insufficient to express my thanks to you. When I heard the news about the suspect's capture, this was a great relief for me and it will help me get on in life know-ing that you have everything under control."

Gibb wrote further that she had tried to help the investigators as much as she could in order to catch the killer. "I know that he didn't just decide to do what he did (on the spur of the moment). I'm sure of it," she said. (Itim)

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